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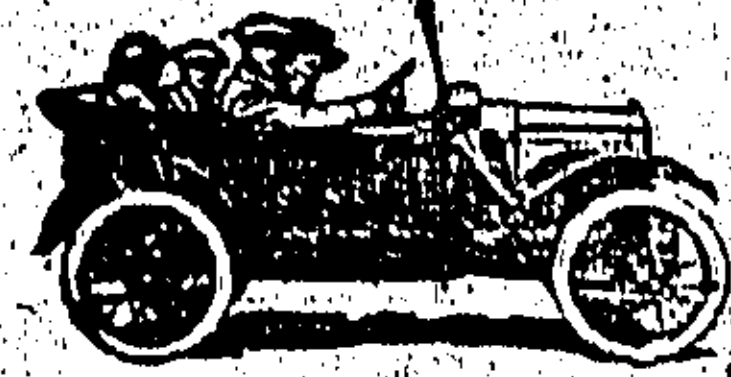
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## HIGHER RENTS.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO.  
COMING COUNCIL MEETING.

Committee's Suggestions To Be Adopted.

To-morrow week, or at the latest to-morrow fortnight, the vital Rents decision will be made by the Legislative Council. Prospects of a lengthy debate are small and it is a foregone conclusion that the recommended 15 per cent. increase will be approved.

Before he left the Colony, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney-General, Chairman of the Committee which went into the matter last month, told a "China Mail" reporter that the prospects of a debate depended on whether or not the report was unanimous and whether the new member of the Council who was to take Sir Henry Pollock's place would be in agreement with it. Again, something might arise out of what H.E. the Governor might have to say on the matter.

Since that interview a synopsis of the recommendations of the Committee has been made public. The "China Mail" understands that a Bill has been drafted recommending modified protection, landlords to be permitted in the meantime to increase the standard rent by 15 per cent. This Bill will be considered, probably a week to-morrow, at the latest a fortnight to-morrow.

As the report was unanimous the prospects of a debate depend on the attitude of H.E. the Governor and of the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., who represents as an unofficial member the Justices of the Peace, having been elected when the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., was appointed an official member by virtue of his assumption of the duties of Attorney-General.

The opinion of His Excellency in regard to the desirability of continuing the protection has not been definitely stated, but it was with his approval that the Committee was formed, and at the time he stated that what he desired was a full examination and a quick one in order that landlords and tenants should know in a reasonable time before June 30 this year how long they might expect the present form of control to continue.

The Committee's recommendations had not been sent to him yet, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster informed the "China Mail" upon enquiry. He had seen the published synopsis but upon that could not make any public statement. In any event, as the Committee had been one of the whole Council and the decision was stated to be unanimous, there would not appear to be much object in moving an amendment for which it might be impossible to obtain a second.

The standard rent on which it would appear that the landlords are to be allowed to add 15 per cent. is that paid up to December 31, 1920, that being the basis

taken when control first came into operation. In cases where more than the standard rent is being charged (and there are said to be many such) no further increase, of course, will be permitted if 15 per cent. over the 1920 rate is already being received.

The higher rents will apply to any type of tenancy—house, flat, cubicle or tenement apartment—and may be levied by a landlord or principal tenant who has sub-let, provided always that the standard rent is used as a basis for computing the 15 per cent. increase.

## "GINGER" IN COURT.

CHARGED WITH BEING  
FEROCIOUS.

MR. E. T. H. BUNJE SUMMONED.

Following the receipt of a complaint, Mr. E. T. H. Bunje was summoned before Mr. S. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy this morning for keeping an unmuzzled ferocious dog at his house in Sassoon Road, Pokfulam.

The dog, a red setter answering to the name of "Ginger," was brought to Court by Mr. Bunje. He informed His Worship that the animal belonged to his little girl and denied the allegation that it was ferocious.

Mr. D. S. Scott, who resides on the same road, stated in evidence that the dog produced in Court entered a bedroom on the ground floor of his premises on March 15 and attacked his fox terrier dog. He said that the animal was a nuisance, had been ill-fed, and

## TRADE SLUMP.

FURTHER FACTS ABOUT PIECEGOODS.  
POSITION NOT HOPELESS.

Over-Trading the Cause of the Scare?

More discussion and some interesting (though unconfirmed) figures have been forthcoming as a result of the native piecegoods dealers requesting the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce.

It has been stated that a number of importing hongers are not members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. However, the Chamber has circulated a letter which is expected that the Piecegoods Dealers' letter will be discussed. There is a growing feeling that matters are allowed to take their natural course the situation will be righted in a few months; possibly, when the next autumn comes round.

A vernacular paper draws attention to the losses suffered by

local metal dealers who, it is considered, have suffered, comparatively, to a greater extent than the piecegoods dealers. There are about fifty native metal dealers in the Colony and a conservative estimate puts their losses last year at \$2,000,000. As they have little recourse to native bankers they have not been pressed. To-day, the majority are sitting tight and waiting for the market to recover. Some of them hold large stocks of building materials ordered in anticipation of a building boom. Adverse domestic exchange and unsettled up-country conditions have affected them just as much as any other trade.

A Chinese gentleman interested in the piecegoods trade puts the value of piecegoods in stock in Hongkong (including lots sold but not shipped away) at \$40,000,000. Regarding the dealers' suggestion that the hongers should waive interest on overdue lots, one man jocularly asked if, to balance matters, the dealers would offer to pay interest on lots already cleared and paid for, and on which no further charges would accrue, thanks to there being a market for those specific lots.

An article in the vernacular papers says that last year, approximately 1,700 cases of cotton shirtings were ordered by dealers. Designs which met the requirements of the fashionable resulted in profits, to dealers, of between \$100 and \$200 per case. Encouraged by successive good years, orders had been increased and, the article says, it is estimated that 6,800 cases of summer goods still remain to be cleared for this season. Weather vagaries had also been against the dealers. At this time last year, most people were wearing cottons but this year's cold spell had delayed the advent of summer. It was thought that on some lines of summer piecegoods, the dealers would lose as much as 20 per cent.

In a chat with a "China Mail" reporter this morning, a piecegoods broker said that interior trouble and adverse exchange had not contributed to the "scare" so much as overtrading. Because the dealers had come out on the right side for two or three years they had anticipated a boom, and their orders had caused a glut in the market. Given reasonable time, dealers would liquidate their stocks and orders; decreased orders for the coming seasons would automatically right matters. He concluded by remarking that with the very few exceptions to be found in every trade, piecegoods dealers enjoyed the confidence of the importers. By treating each individual case on its merits it would be found that the piecegoods trade would automatically show signs of revival; but if everybody was going to take panic, it would simply be a case of the survival of the fittest—and with very little left for the survivors.

A Chinese was killed at the Cosmopolitan Docks yesterday by falling into the bottom of a dock. The body was removed to the mortuary.

After the evidence of the watchman who found the girl with the parcel in her hand and of police constables had been given, the defendant went into the box on her own behalf. The proprietor of the hotel gave evidence attesting to her mission on board.

After ten minutes' retirement the jury announced a verdict of not guilty by 4-3. This was not satisfactory, said His Lordship, so they retired again and by a verdict of 5-2 acquitted the defendant.

The defendant's name was Yuki Kajiura.

The member of the crew who was pointed out to the police by the girl shortly after her arrest as the man who gave her the parcel pleaded guilty and after the evidence against the previous defendant had been given he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

## VICTIMS OF TORNADO IN DANGER OF PESTILENCE.



Additional doctors and nurses are pouring into the middle western cities, devastated by the recent tornado, in an effort to prevent the threatened epidemic of gas bacillus gangrene, pneumonia and typhoid which have followed in the wake of the disaster. Auxiliary hospitals are crowded to overflowing with the injured, one out being placed close upon another. Every effort is being made to check the plagues, which have already given evidence of their presence. Photograph shows the interior of a hall, which has been pressed into service as an improvised hospital.

## \$4,000 FIRE.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL  
BLAZE.

BRIGADE'S PROMPT ARRIVAL.

The Central Fire Station received a call from No. 274 Queen's Road Central, at 12.30 this morning to a fire in a back room on the ground floor of the premises used as a fancy goods and shoes store. Looking to the nature of the goods involved it can be said that a serious conflagration was averted by the Brigade being summoned in good time. A hydrant was put into use, and the fire was extinguished in less than an hour. The damage to the shop goods is estimated at \$4,000. It is understood that the shop fittings were insured with the Fo Tai Insurance Company for \$10,000. Some slight damage was also done to the upper floor by smoke and water.

## PASSPORT CHARGE.

AMERICAN CITIZEN  
ARRESTED.

Alleged to be a sequel to the reported loss of five travellers' cheques issued by the American Express Company, the police yesterday effected the arrest at a hotel in Kowloon of an American named Maurice H. Jones, who is believed to have come from San Francisco via Japan.

Before Mr. J. R. Butters, at the Central Magistracy this morning, the defendant was charged with not being in possession of a proper passport.

The case was adjourned until Friday morning, when it is understood that further counts will be preferred against the accused.

## DOG BITES GIRL.

A terrier dog owned by Mr. R. T. Matheson, of 9 Tregunter Mansions, May Road, was taken to Kennedy Town yesterday for observation.

The animal bit the little daughter of Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell residing a few doors away.

A case of enteric fever and another of cerebro spinal fever, both Chinese, were reported during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

## GEISHA CHARGED.

FOUND WITH PARCEL OF  
ARMS.

SUPREME COURT COLOUR.

COLLECTING BILLS FOR HOTEL  
IN KOWLOON.

Looking very spick and span in kimono and silk shawl of sober hue contrasting with the turbans of warders against whom she appeared quite diminutive, a geisha girl from a Japanese Hotel in Peking Road was the central figure in a case at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

A number of Japanese were among the crowd of interested spectators.

The case for the Crown was that she was found on board the Hakone Maru on March 10 with a parcel which when opened was found to contain 2 pistols, 2 spare magazines and 200 rounds of ammunition. In accordance with the terms of the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance the onus of proving that she did not know the contents of the parcel was upon herself, explained Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., acting Attorney-General, for the Crown.

The girl's case, put by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada), was that she had gone on board to collect money for bills contracted at the hotel where she was engaged and that one of the crew gave her the parcel to take to the wharf for him saying he would join her later. She knew nothing of the contents of the parcel, according to her own evidence.

Whilst the Attorney General was explaining the provision of the Ordinance which places upon the defence the onus of proof, Sir Henry Gollan, Chief Justice, interposed, "You would say a porter was deemed to be in possession of arms if he was carrying a parcel containing them, unless he could prove to the contrary?"

Sir Henry Pollock: Yes, although in the case of a porter whose actual duty it was to carry parcels from the steamer to the wharf it should be easy to prove his innocence.

His Lordship: It is all a question of degree.

## NOTABLE WEDDING.

As this edition goes to press, the wedding is taking place at the Peak Church (3.30 p.m.) of Lieut. Commander Roland Lewis, R.N., of H.M.S. Hawkins (flagship of the China Station) and Miss Betty Dawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dawson of Shanghai. Details will be given in tomorrow's "China Mail."

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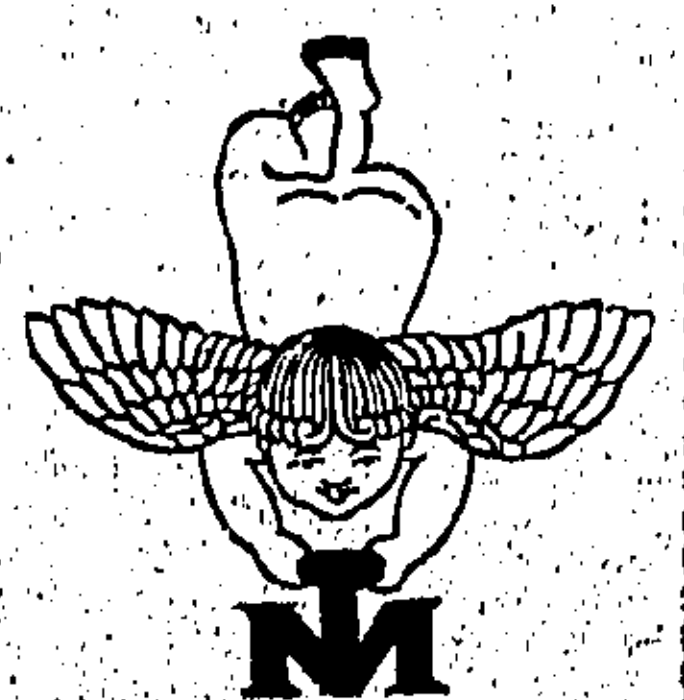
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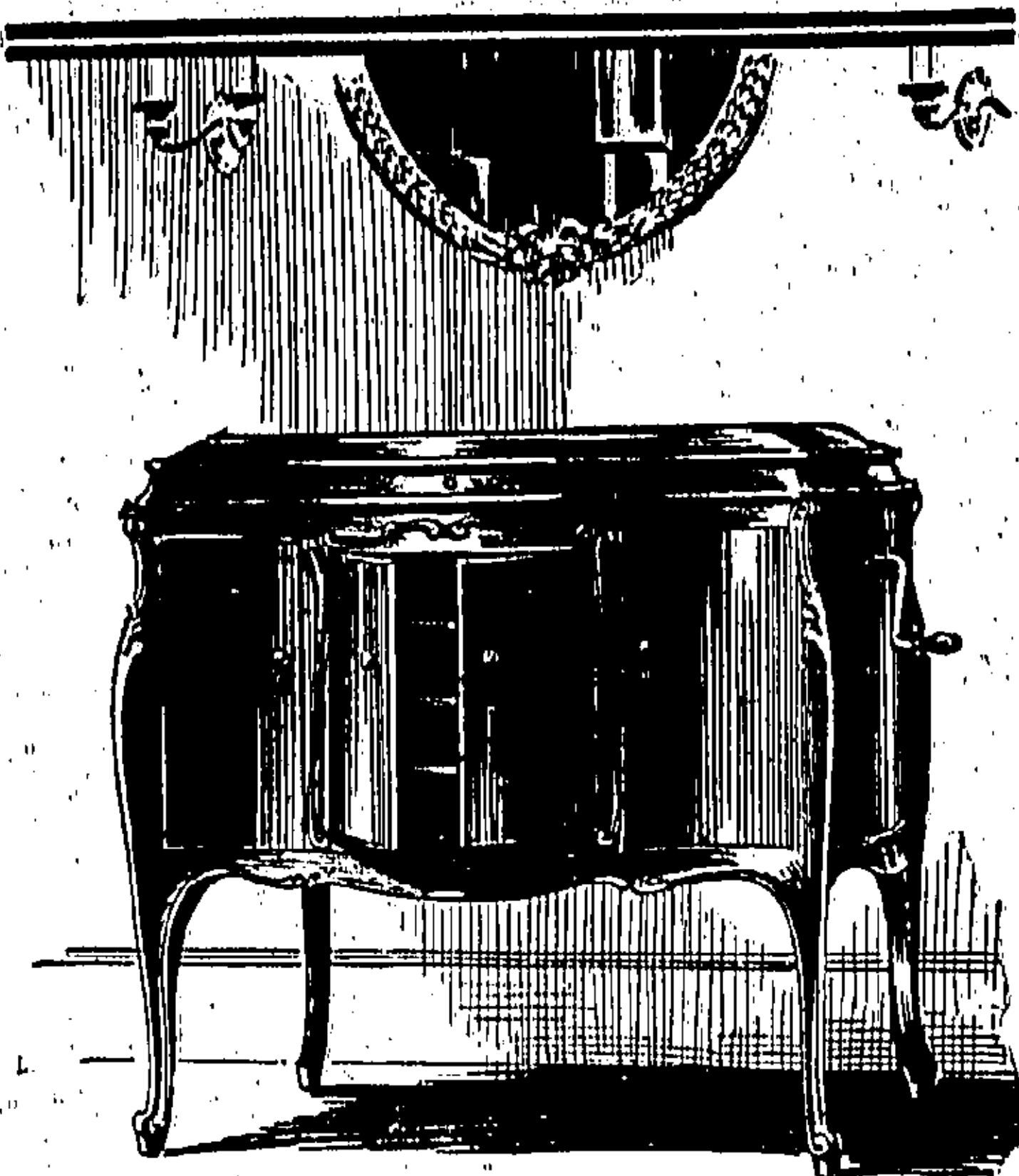


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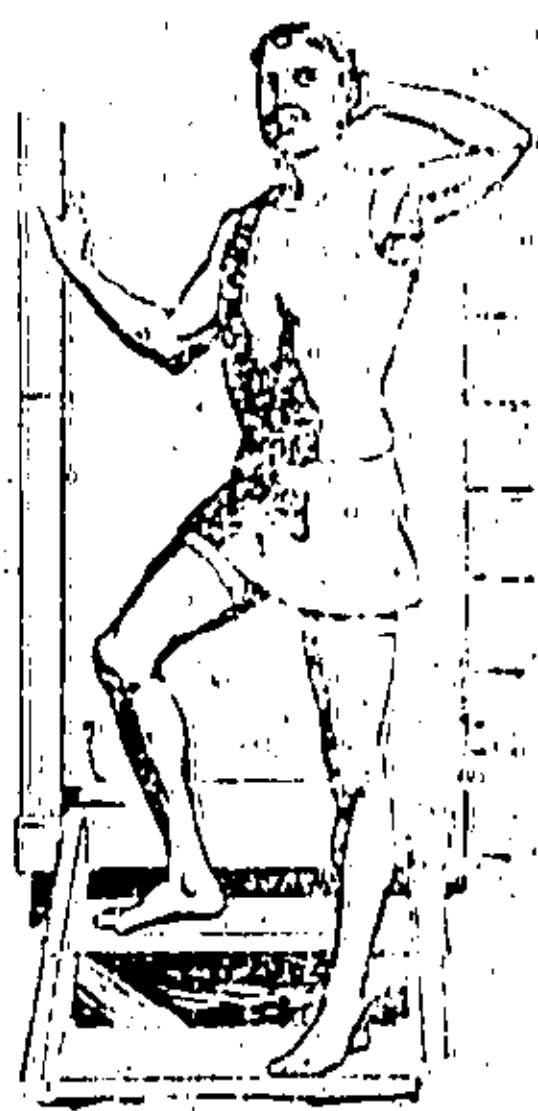
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### TYPHOID FACTS.

The public will have read the  
report of yesterday afternoon's  
meeting of the Sanitary Board  
with mixed feelings. Their first  
emotion will have been, like Dr.  
Koch's, one of astonishment.  
Their second emotion will have  
been more akin to despair. These  
feelings will have been due, not so  
much to the medical aspect of the  
matter, as to the general prin-  
ciples involved. The medical  
aspect is of course for the experts  
to debate. The Principal Civil  
Medical Officer says one thing.  
Dr. Koch says the very opposite.  
The layman can hardly be expected  
to enter into such a dispute of  
opinion, though he cannot help  
noting it must be added, that  
the example Dr. Koch quoted of  
the infected oysters does seem to  
impugn much of Dr. Addison's  
minute. However, although the

public are hardly in a position to  
judge in such matters as these,  
they are at least able to form an  
opinion upon the working of the  
Colony's health system as again  
illustrated by yesterday's meeting  
of the Sanitary Board. They are  
able to observe, for instance, that  
upon a vital question like the  
typhoid menace—almost airily  
dismissed as "the small non-  
Chinese epidemic of last summer"—  
it is the Principal Civil Medical  
Officer, not the Medical Officer of  
Health, who signs the minute  
submitted to the Government.

Doubtless the Principal Civil  
Medical Officer—not the title—  
consulted the Medical Officer of  
Health—again note the title—  
upon the facts, but the point  
remains that it is a medical, not a  
health expert, who is responsible  
to the community for a health  
matter of the first importance.  
What wonder, with this  
anomalous system, that the  
public, in Dr. Koch's words,  
attribute the Colony's unsatis-  
factory health conditions to a  
policy of laissez faire. There is  
only one remedy and the Govern-  
ment might as well face it now  
as later. Hongkong must have a  
board of health. Until it does  
the present adverse criticism will  
continue, and the present con-  
fusion. The time is now past  
when the Government can com-  
placently refuse to grant an  
investigation simply because an  
epidemic, luckily, has failed to  
reach serious proportions. The  
time has arrived when the  
Government must realize that  
prevention is better than cure,  
that it is culpable folly to wait  
for an extensive outbreak before  
taking every measure possible for  
the safety of the community. The  
Government cannot revise its  
and shop awnings.

ideas in this respect too quickly.  
Nothing less than the most  
drastic reform will satisfy the  
public, however witty the debates  
in the Legislative Council, how-  
ever protracted or skilful the  
official procrastination.

### PORTUGAL'S TROUBLES.

Hongkong for very obvious  
reasons is peculiarly interested in  
recent happenings in Portugal and  
particularly in the attempt at  
revolution which, we are assured,  
the Government has either  
crushed or has got under control.  
The Government we learn, has for  
some time been in conflict with  
the Association of Economic  
Interests which represents com-  
merce, industry and agriculture,  
and which has made serious  
charges of incompetency against  
the present administration. The  
struggle is between the state that  
levies the taxes and the classes  
which have to pay them. Mixed  
up with the dispute is the Bank  
of Portugal, an anonymous com-  
pany having by contract with the  
state the privilege of the issue of  
paper money in Portugal. The  
politicians of the present  
administration accuse the bank  
of harbouring a monarchist spirit,  
as no republican elements have  
ever been represented on its board  
of directors. The germs of a  
first class continental row will  
thus be seen. The intention of  
the Government to get control of  
the bank which, if successful,  
would give it supremacy over  
industry, agriculture and com-  
merce, is being resisted by the  
Association of Economic Interests.  
The Association has acquired  
three of the most important and  
widely circulated newspapers, two  
in Lisbon and one in Oporto, and  
daily a campaign against the  
Government is carried on. Public  
attention is being called to the  
incompetence shown by the  
Government in the administra-  
tion of enterprises that it has  
undertaken. It is alleged that  
the country's mercantile fleet  
including boats seized from the  
Germans has been so bad that  
after a few years the State has  
had to sell the ships in view of  
continued monetary losses. In  
addition the "enormous increase"  
made in taxation has led to  
friction. The Association has  
demanded that increased taxation  
should be accompanied by a  
reduction of much useless  
expenditure of the extraordinary  
number of state functionaries and  
officials as well as workmen  
employed in unnecessary works.  
As a result of this increased  
taxation, many factories have  
ceased work to say nothing of  
the dismissal of staffs and the suspen-  
sion of the sale of the goods that  
are most highly taxed. This is  
not all. Report speaks of the  
unemployment question and the  
processions of workmen bearing  
a black flag with the words "Work  
or Bread." All this is a regret-  
table picture of what is reported  
to be actual facts and which give  
some idea of the cause of the  
country's present troubles. It  
will be the earnest wish of all that  
a clear issue may be taken out  
of all these problems to the besting  
good of Portugal and the  
Portuguese.

### Headgear.

One of the greatest shocks of  
the griffin is that occasioned by  
his discovery that the creation  
which the voluble salesman at  
Port Said assured him was the  
very latest in tropical headware  
made him the object of covert  
smiles from the moment he land-  
ed, either by reason of its colour  
or exceptional shape. Perhaps  
that is the reason why when he  
invests in a topee more in  
accordance with standard require-  
ments he inclines to the conserva-  
tive and is apt to regard anything  
apart from what the expert in the  
"China Mail" interview on sum-  
mer clothes described as the  
Hawkes shape as "denoting  
eccentricity." At any rate any  
other style seems to be quite the  
exception in Hongkong although  
there would appear to be no  
reason why this should be so now  
that we have the expert's word  
for it that "a man should choose  
according to his head and face  
shape." Regarding ladies head-  
gear, we have the word of the  
proprietress of one of the  
leading ladies' establishments in  
the Colony that "Dr. Cantlie's  
broad brims have not caught on."  
The reference is to a statement  
made by Sir James Cantlie, who  
has many connections with Hong-  
kong and the Far East that "in  
the hot weather women will find  
what a friend they have in the  
old-fashioned straw hat" and that  
"the broad-brimmed hat is replac-  
ing the cloche." So Hongkong  
ladies would appear to be taking  
scant notice of the worthy doctor's  
advice and apart from picnics and  
other outings there would appear  
to be little justification for his  
ominous words of warning about  
exposure to the sun in the tropics.  
Few have occasion to walk far  
without the shade of verandahs

### Pleegoods Position.

The time has come when a halt  
should be called to the cry which  
either precedes or follows a local  
trade slump. It is a solus tune  
played on a one-stringed fiddle.  
The tune is variously styled but  
the melody is the same. Condi-  
tions in the interior are bad; or  
there is chaos; or brigandage; or  
political strife. Money is "tight"  
and goods contracted for cannot  
be taken up. Etc. and again etc.  
Sympathies must be all on the  
side of the importer. He, poor  
devil, has fulfilled his part of his  
contract, but because the other  
side is unwilling to shoulder his  
burden, the importer becomes the  
camel or the donkey to be over-  
loaded. That is the position with-  
out any attempt at spinning fine  
words or establishing a gloss.  
We hear no talk of the Chinese  
banks sharing the burden or any  
expression of sympathy with  
those who have imported to meet  
a demand. The foundation of all  
credit and business routine will  
be smashed if this state of things  
is to continue and the old bogey  
is to be produced every time  
things go wrong. The Chamber  
of Commerce will doubtless give  
ear to the cry that has gone forth.  
In view of the Chairman's  
speech at the annual meeting of  
the Chamber, what seems to be  
needed is the devising of a new  
and better system of honouring  
contracts.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### MODERN CHURCHMEN.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Since the article on  
Modernism was published in the  
local Press I have had numerous  
enquiries about the Modern  
Churchman's Creed, to all of  
which I cannot reply individually,  
I would therefore be extremely  
grateful if you could kindly insert  
this letter.

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in August or September. Last  
year the Conference, which I  
attended, was on "The Scientific  
Approach to Religion." The Pres-  
ident of the Union is the Very  
Rev. W. R. Inge, C.V.O., D.D.,  
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Former conference subjects  
have been—Law in the World of  
Ethics, The Church and Modern  
Churchmen, Modern Churchmen  
and Religious Experience, The  
Relation between Modern Know-  
ledge and Traditional Chris-  
tianity, Christ and the Creeds,  
Christianity as the World Reli-  
gion, Christ and Human Society.  
The Conference in 1925 will try  
to summarise the work of former  
conferences and will be on the  
subject—"The Faith of a Modern  
Churchman."

If the members of the Rational-  
ist Press Association in Hong-  
kong could send a visitor to that  
Conference I would be only too  
glad to give the necessary intro-  
duction for a visiting member.  
The only reward I would ask is  
that, if there are to be any more  
R.P.A. dinners in Hongkong, the  
after dinner speakers would con-  
fine their remarks to what they  
know and not to what they think  
they know; in other words please  
do not attack missionaries and  
their work indiscriminately. To-  
day we want as much unity and  
good feeling as possible and I am  
convinced that joint work can be  
done by members of the R.P.A.  
and of the Christian Churches.

The Christian Churches are  
asked to be liberally minded.  
May we make the same demand  
from the members of the R.P.A.?

Yours, etc.,

W. T. FEATHERSTONE.

Hongkong, April 21.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Nuda  
Veritas" has made many state-  
ments which he would find it very  
difficult to prove. It is easy to say  
that "the old Testament is not  
without gross and libellous mis-  
takes is beyond controversy" and  
that "To take the old Testament  
literally, is to commit oneself  
to swallowing" what has never  
been verified. It is to show an  
ignorance of the literature of the  
countries as well as a most crude  
understanding of the old Testament  
itself.

As a Bible Student of more than  
thirty years' standing, I have yet  
to find it in the least degree other  
than absolutely correct in any of  
its details and no ascertained fact  
of science is at variance with its  
teaching. Had your correspondent  
read my first article on the "Two  
Witnesses" in last Wednesday's  
"Morning Post," it would have  
given him food for thought.

Take Noah's ark for example.  
Has your correspondent taken the  
trouble to work out its carrying  
capacity from the measurements  
given in Genesis 6, verses 14-16.  
If not, I should advise him to do  
so, and I venture to suggest that he  
will be very much surprised at the  
result. The ark was quite large  
enough as designed by God himself  
to hold all that He intended to go  
into it. Moreover the measure-  
ments of the Ark give the most  
stable vessel for floating on water  
and all modern ships are more or  
less proportioned on similar lines.  
Can your correspondent account for  
this?

Yours, etc.,

W. A. JORDAN.

Hongkong, April 21.

### OPEN NECKS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—The gentle tug which the  
manager of an outfitting estab-  
lishment gave to a "China Mail"  
representative who was out for  
"copy" on clothes for the summer  
season, also his remark that it  
was "heir he felt it most" (mean-  
ing the heat) may be taken as  
representative of the self-imposed  
suffering of mankind which  
chooses to endure the pressure of  
closed collar and tie band.

The specially light summer  
bows and long ties which the busi-  
ness man advocated certainly  
contribute to neck comfort but  
when the week-end comes one  
realises how much greater is that  
afforded by the open neck of the  
sports shirt.

A revolutionary change in  
men's fashions in this respect  
might lead to minor ailments in  
the case of those suffering from  
weak throats and there will  
always be a body of opinion which  
considers open necks effeminate  
as approaching too nearly to the  
pattern of a blouse but we have  
medical evidence showing that  
open necks have contributed to  
stronger physique on the part of  
women.

I honestly believe that most  
men would welcome an innovation  
on the lines I have suggested and  
that all that is wanted is a few  
brave spirits to lead and others  
will follow? Why don't I set the  
example myself and turn up to  
business in an open neck to-  
morrow?—Junk, just junk. And  
then we say that women are the  
slaves of fashion!

Yours, etc.,

HOPEFUL.

Hongkong, April 21.



### MATHEMATICS.

"Get in, madam! If the car-  
riage will bear you, the horse will  
probably be able to pull you!"  
Wiener Kleines Witzblatt, Vienna.



## HISSES AND CHEERS. MIXED RECEPTION FOR FINANCE MINISTER. CAILLAUX'S INDIFFERENCE.

### Premier's Quiet Retort to Angry Criticism.

France's Parliament opened yesterday in an electrical atmosphere. Hisses and cheers greeted the new Finance Minister as he entered the Chamber of Deputies.

#### LIVELY DEBATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 21. Parliament assembled in the expectation of a lively debate centering on the personality of M. Caillaux, the Minister of Finance, on whom the opposition is concentrating its attack, having given notice of two interpellations.

#### CENTRE OF THE STORM.



M. Joseph Caillaux.

France's new Finance Minister, treated with contemptuous indifference by the angry anti-Unionists, greeted his appearance in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

There is little chance of the debate ending till late to-morrow. M. Caillaux was received with mingled hisses and cheers when he entered the Chamber of Deputies.

#### Government's Financial Measures.

The declaration of the Government's policy read by M. Painlevé in the Chamber of Deputies and M. Steeg in the Senate says the Government is determined to preserve the security of France and safeguard France's financial equilibrium.

The Government in future international negotiations will pursue the full development of the Dawes plan and the settlement of Inter-Allied debts, which "weigh heavily upon our policy and our credit."

The reduced expenditure of the budget of 1925 will be entirely covered by taxation.

"When the budget is unquestionably balanced we will devote ourselves to relieving the State from the functions of banker which it has already exercised too long. We will then ask for considerable sacrifices on the part of the nation by appealing to the patriotism of all citizens in an atmosphere of national concord."

#### Bitter Truth.

The declaration continues that the Government continues faithful to the Geneva pact as the first step towards a general international pact of peace based on security, arbitration and disarmament.

France will ratify the international labour conventions of Washington and Geneva.

The declaration concludes that the seven post-war years have been a bitter disillusionment for France, but the present difficulties should not cause the inexhaustible resources of France to be lost sight of, nor cause anxiety for her future.

The declaration was much interrupted. The Opposition member of the Right upbraiding M. Caillaux and coupling his name with that of Bolo [who was executed for treason].

#### Vatican Issue.

The Ministerial declaration also said the maintenance of a representative at the Vatican appeared to be expedient and appealed to Parliament not to reopen the controversy on the matter.

The Senate did not debate the declaration but adjourned until April 23.

The Communist, M. Marcel Cachin, in the Chamber of Deputies, moved an interpellation concerning the Government's general policy.

#### Caillaux Attacked.

In an electrical atmosphere the Chamber of Deputies first debated

the interpellation lodged by M. Bertrand on behalf of the ex-Servicemen's group asking why M. Caillaux was included in the Cabinet.

Cheers and loud protests mingled while M. Caillaux himself sat on the Ministerial bench contemptuously indifferent.

M. Bertrand read out the text of the High Court sentence against M. Caillaux for communicating with the enemy. He heatedly remarked that France had not yet arrived at the pass of having to choose between Caillaux and bankruptcy.

M. Painlevé replied quietly that he had chosen the best qualified men. He had appointed M. Caillaux, Minister of Finance as he had appointed Marshals Foch and Pétain to the chief commands in the war.

#### Eleventh Hour Hitch.

Paris, April 21. The tension of the atmosphere in which Parliament opened was apparent from the Party meetings early in the afternoon which at the eleventh hour revealed that the Ministerial declaration had not satisfied all sections of the Left Cartel, whose solid vote is necessary for Governmental stability.

Apparently the Radical, disapprove the Vatican policy, while the attitude of the Socialists is also doubtful.

Hasty consultations between M. Painlevé and the Cartel leaders were held before the Premier faced Parliament.

#### Storm Weathered.

Paris, April 21. The French Government received a vote of confidence by 314 to 256 votes.

A recount of the vote of confidence figures showed 301 votes for the Government and 218 against.

#### Promise of Reform.

"When M. Caillaux rose he betrayed some emotion but he quickly regained old-time incisive accents."

He declined to enter into personalities, and dwelt on the national finances.

He said confusion choked the State treasury which without exaggeration could be described as serious.

He promised complete reform in the new budget, showing expenditure and "corresponding taxation." (Leftist cheers.)

#### GOLD FRANC PACT.

(Reuter's Service.)

#### PEKING, April 21.

The Waichiaopu this afternoon issued document showing that the Gold Franc controversy was settled on April 21.

It is understood that the letters exchanged between Shen, Ju-lin and M. Martel, settling the Gold Franc question, will be issued simultaneously to-day in Paris and Peking.

The French agree that the unpaid balance of the French share of the Boxer indemnity be retroceded to China. They also agree to consider service resumed from December 1, 1924, instead of December 1, 1922, refunding to China the twenty-four monthly instalments matured and postponed.

China agrees that the balance of the indemnity will be calculated on the basis of telegraphic transfer in accordance with the 1905 Protocol, with the eventual exchange. The profit which might have resulted from this mode of payment should be converted into American gold dollars and advanced to the Banque Industrielle by annuities from December 1, 1924 to 1947, in order to secure a loan issued in gold dollars, bearing five per cent interest, redeemable in twenty-three years.

Bonds issued as above will be applied to the Far Eastern creditors of the Banque Industrielle and philanthropic institutions, according to conditions yearly determinable in Peking.

New York, April 21.—Mr. William Corry, son of Sir W. Corry, director of the Cunard Line was removed to Ellis Island from S.S. Laconia as the Immigration authorities state that despite his passport, which provided for a six months' visit, Mr. Corry was unable to say how long he proposed to remain in the country, as he intended to work for Cunard Line.—Reuter's American Service.

## TRAGIC RADIO.

### Liner's Fateful Message.

#### FURY OF THE SEA.

"Regret I Was Unable to Save Any Lives."

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 21. "Regret I was unable to save any lives" was the tragic radio from the Captain of the White Star liner Homeric who was going to New York but changed his course in response to the S.O.S. of the Japanese freighter Raifuku Maru which was foundering in the heavy seas, her lifeboats smashed, off the coast of Nova Scotia.

The Homeric covered the intervening seventy-eight miles at full speed, but she was too late to rescue any of the forty-eight members of the crew whose survival was hopeless in the mountainous seas.

#### GERMANY'S WEALTH.

#### LAST YEAR'S REVENUE SURPLUSES.

(Reuter's Service.)

#### BERLIN, April 21.

The Reich's revenue returns for the year ending March 31 show a total revenue of 7,000,000,000 marks, a surplus of 2,000,000,000 marks, over the estimates.

The income tax and customs surpluses are 900,000,000 marks and 450,000,000 marks, respectively, over the estimates.

#### ALLENBY'S SUCCESSOR.

#### SIR GEORGE LLOYD APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

#### LONDON, April 21.

The "Daily Mail" says it is definitely decided that Sir George Lloyd will succeed Lord Allenby. Lord Ronaldshay was offered the post but declined.

#### FAMOUS SOLDIER.



Lord Allenby.

In connection with the report that Sir George Lloyd is to succeed Lord Allenby, Reuter understands that the British Government has not yet made a decision with regard to Lord Allenby's successor.

[Lord Allenby has been High Commissioner for Egypt since 1919. He will be 64 years old to-morrow. Sir George Lloyd, G.C.S.I., P.C., D.S.O., F.R.G.S., was recently Governor of Bombay and is now a Conservative member of Parliament. He has made a close study of Eastern politics and has travelled extensively in Burma, India, Little Tibet, the Himalayas, Egypt, Asia Minor and Morocco. He was Hon. Attaché to the Embassy at Constantinople and, afterwards as Special Commissioner reported upon the future of British trade in Turkey, Mesopotamia and the Gulf. He served during the War in Egypt, Gallipoli, Mesopotamia and the Hedjaz and holds the Star of the Nile and the decoration of St. Ann of Russia (Hedjaz). Sir George is 45 years old. Lord Ronaldshay was Governor of Bengal, has travelled all over Asia and written several books thereon. He is now 45 years of age.]

Sofia, April 22. The police last night discovered the hiding place of Yankoff, one of the Communist leaders. When summoned to surrender, Yankoff opened fire and threw bombs. The police replied with a fusillade, killing Yankoff. Yankoff was also an ex-officer and was believed to have shared responsibility in engineering the bomb outrage with the deceased Minkoff.—Reuter.

## THOSE WAR DEBTS.

### VIGILANT TREASURY OFFICIALS. WATCHING FRANCE.

#### America Wants Same Terms As Britain.

United States Treasury officials are watching the Anglo-French debt-funding negotiations, their attitude being that America should receive the same terms as Britain.

#### WERE POLITE TALK?

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 21. The fact that the United States Government is beginning debt-funding conversations with at least one of the smaller debtor nations has generally again drawn attention to the question of debts owing to America.



Jules J. Jusserand.

It is understood that Treasury officials are watching the course of the negotiations in London with regard to the French debt to

#### FATAL RIOTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

BLOEFONTEIN, April 21. It is now stated that four natives were killed, five were seriously injured and eleven were slightly wounded as a result of the disturbances.

Ten European policemen were injured.

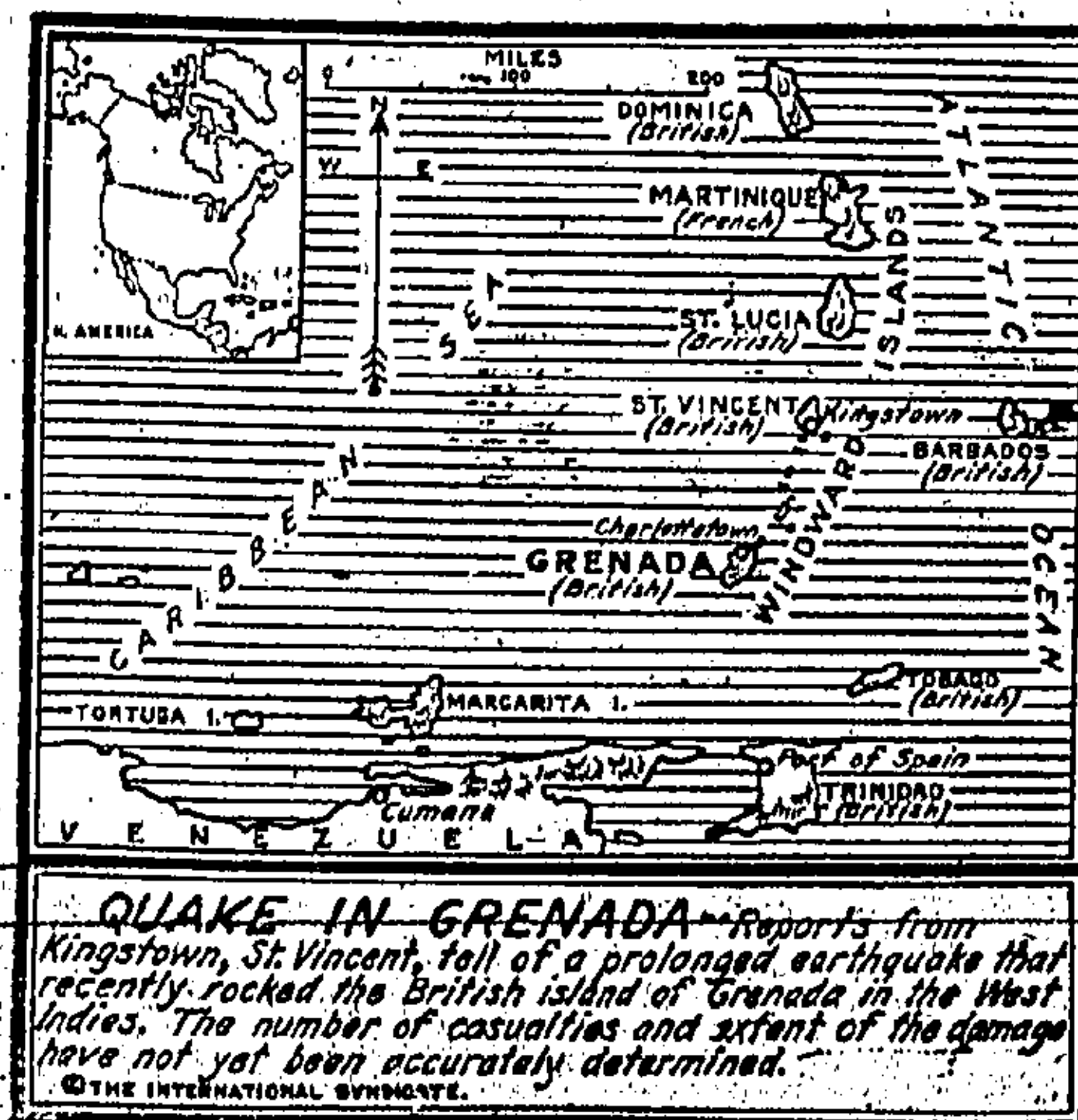
In view of the continued quiet, special police have been disbanded.

[Starting with a squabble in the Kaffir location, serious disturbances developed, necessitating the calling out of the military, volunteers and a large force of police. The latter tried to negotiate, but encountered showers of stones. Thereupon they attempted to arrest the ring-leaders, but meeting obstruction, they fired on the crowd of four thousand, after a warning.]

Halifax, April 21.—The Nova Scotia legislature rejected the Labourite eight hour day bill at the second reading by a majority of 13 to 5.—Reuter.

Rome, April 21.—After a plenary session whereat the resolution was approved that currency should be established on a gold basis, the Inter-Parliamentary Trade Conference which commenced on April 17 closed.—Reuter.

Paris, April 21.—The thousand-million candlepower revolving lighthouse of Mont Afrique, near Dijon, has been lighted for the first time. It is the most powerful in the world and meant primarily for aeroplanes flying between Paris and Algiers. The lights are visible on a clear night for five hundred miles. Brussels, Frankfurt and Milan are within range.—Reuter.



QUAKE IN GRENADA.—Reports from Kingstown, St. Vincent, tell of a prolonged earthquake that recently rocked the British island of Grenada in the West Indies. The number of casualties and extent of the damage have not yet been accurately determined.

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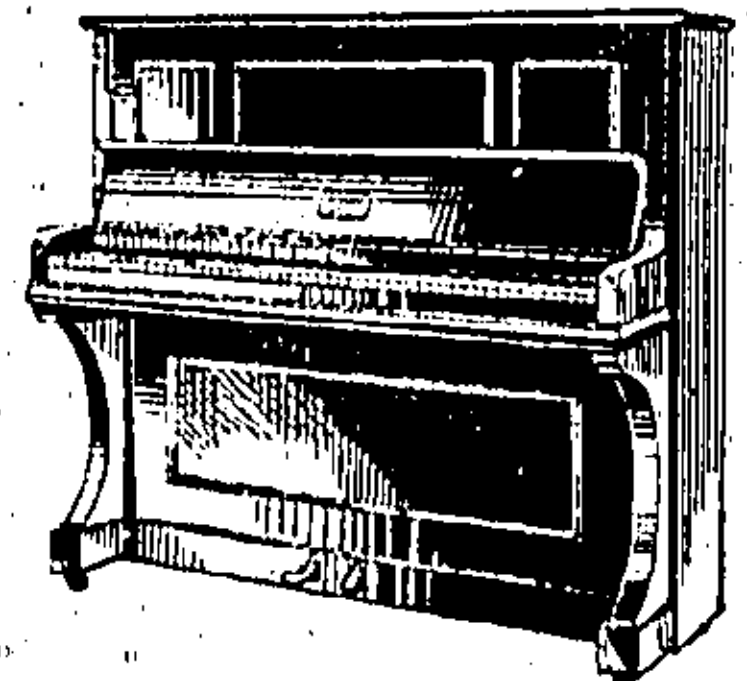
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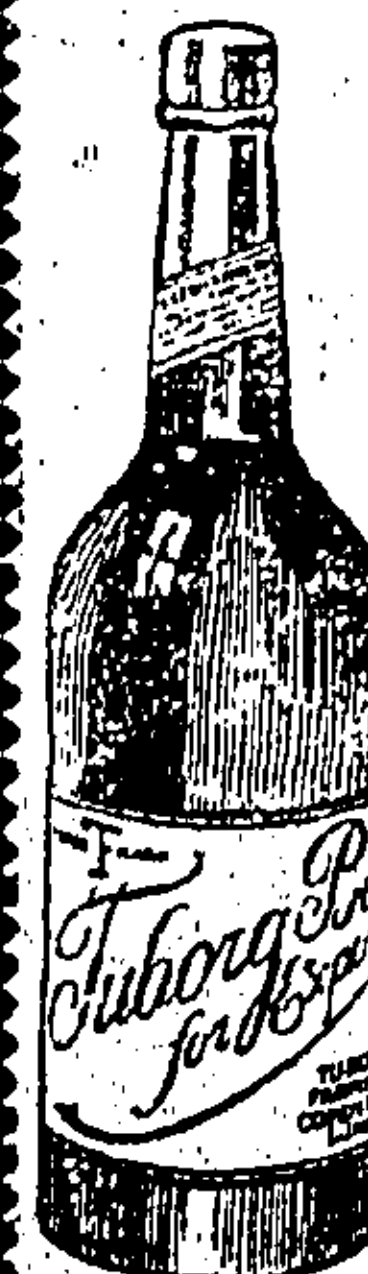
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## LOCAL SPORT.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

## INTERESTING GAMES TO-DAY.

(By "Hotspur.")

After a delay of nearly a month brought about by the rain, it was thought that the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament would be proceeded with as quickly as possible. However, more than half the courts were idle yesterday and an open singles tie was played at Kowloon.

Quite a fair crowd watched the handicap doubles tie in which the Greens, father and son, were able to win in spite of their handicap. S. E. Green played as well as he has been doing in recent seasons and D. S. got over a number of winning strokes. Colonel Matthews played with a steel racket.

On another court, A. H. Crook, the left-handed veteran was beaten in the Club Championship, in five sets. With a powerful forehand he won the first set easily and the second set after 16 games. In distress for the last three sets, he gallantly kept up and came quite close to winning in the fourth set—the third had been lost after 18 games—when he led 5-1. Monaghan begged away, threw level and won.

Hyde will meet S. E. Green in the next round of the Open Singles.

Some very close games should be seen to-day. There are three Open Singles ties. L. M. Razack, a young but brilliant E.C. player, will meet T. Yamada, who beat A. H. Rumjahn in five sets in the first round.

In the third round, S. A. Ruffin, who has represented Hongkong in tennis intercol at Shanghai, will meet S. H. Ismail. These two if memory serves aright, met in the later rounds last year, when Rumjahn won after a really. To-day's match is likely to be another prolonged base-line duel.

Perhaps the best tennis will be forthcoming in the third round championship match between M. K. Lo (who has beaten Trumbitzky in straight sets) and H. D. Rumjahn, another inter-col player.

After pulling the game out of the fire against Honda (the singles champion) and his partner, the C.R.C. pair, Yew Man-tsun and Ho Ka-lau, will be expected to put up another good show to-day against W. Hyde and E. C. Fincher in the third round of the Open Doubles.

The respective winners of the two mixed doubles games to-day will meet one another in the semi-final.

Details follow:—

Yesterday's Results.  
Open Championship Singles (first round):—W. Hyde beat A. Leot, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 (played at the Kowloon C.C. courts).  
Club Championship (second round):—T. Monaghan beat A. H. Crook, 1-6, 7-9, 10-8, 8-6, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B" (second round):—A. K. Mackenzie (owe 1/6) beat H. J. Armstrong (owe 3/6), 6-3, 8-6.

Handicap Doubles (third round):—S. E. and D. S. Green (owe 2) beat P. W. Greene and L. Col. E. D. Matthews (rec. 15) 6-3, 8-6.

To-day's Programme.

Open Championship Singles (second round):—I. M. Razack v. T. Yamada. (Third round):—S. A. Rumjahn v. S. H. Ismail, M. K. Lo v. H. D. Rumjahn.  
Open Championship Doubles (third round):—W. Hyde and E. C. Fincher v. Yew Man-tsun and Ho Ka-lau.  
Club Championship (first round):—O. C. Womack v. Dr. D. J. Valentine.

Handicap Singles "A" (first round):—W. L. Thomas (rec. 15) v. R. J. Saunders (owe 3/6).  
Handicap Doubles (third round):—G. Miskin and C. Baker (rec. 3/6) v. D. D. Dryden and C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 3/6).

Mixed Doubles (third round):—T. H. King and Mrs. McEldeery (ser.) v. Lt. Col. F. S. Montague Bates and Mrs. Davidson (owe 15).  
Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown (owe 3/6) v. W. and Mrs. Ironside (rec. 4/6).

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

For the charity football match at 5 p.m. to-day, between South China and Kowloon, at the Kowloon ground, the aid of the Kwong Wah Hospital, Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse (D.S.P., Kowloon and acting C.S.P.), has presented a memento to be given to the winning captain.

## POLO MATCH.

## CIVILIANS ONE UP IN KOYLI CUP.

Defeating the Navy by 4 goals to 2 yesterday, the Civilian team (holders) will meet the Army team for the K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup to-morrow afternoon. This trophy was presented by the Yorkshire Regiment during its stay here.

H.E. the Governor, (Sir R. E. Stubbs), the Hon. Sir Claude Severn, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Honyok, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, and a number of ladies watched the game.

H.E. the G.O.C. (Major-General Luard), who is an expert polo player himself, acted as umpire.

The teams were:—

NAVY TEAM.  
1. Lt. Comm. Thompson, R.N.  
2. Lt. Comm. Sprague, R.N.  
3. Captain Sturges, R.M. L.I.  
4. Captain Neville, R.M. L.I.

CIVILIAN TEAM.  
1. Mr. Beith.  
2. Major Rotherham.  
3. Mr. Pollock.  
4. Mr. Bartholomew.

In the first chukka, the Navy played against the sun after losing the toss and narrowly missed scoring. Mr. Pollock was prominent for the Civilian.

Captain Neville scored from a distance in the second chukka.

The Civilian scored three times in the third chukka. Major Rotherham put the first through after a solo effort by Mr. Beith.

The Major also got the second and Mr. Beith rounded off a good run by Mr. Bartholomew to make it three.

Mr. Pollock added another goal in the fourth and last chukka with a shot from a difficult angle and Captain Neville again found the mark with a shot from near mid-field.

## RIFLE MEET.

## CHINA COMMAND SHOOT RESULTS.

At Kowloon range yesterday, the China Command rifle meeting commenced.

To-day the meeting will be concluded. The Indian troops will also participate. The Gascoigne and Barton Challenge Cup are the chief events.

Yesterday's results were:—  
"Soldiers" Club Challenge Cup: (Fired at ranges of 200, 300 and 500 yards)—Winners and total scores: Pte. Murrell (H. Q. Wing, Surrey) 78, Cup and medal and money prize; Pte. Woods (C. Co. Surrey) 73, Medal and money prize; Pte. Bullock, 72, Lt. Col. Roberts, 70; C. Q. M. S. Estall, 70; C. Q. M. S. Franklin, 68; Pte. Dumbrell, 67; Pte. Hicks, 66, (all Surrey); Sgt. Hutchins (R. A.) 64; Sgt. Hicks (Surrey) 64, money prizes.

Company and Battery Match: Winning team, "B" Company East Surrey Regiment (C. Q. M. S. Estall, Sgt. Hicks, Pte. Smith, Pte. W. Hill, Pte. Wheeler, Pte. Dentry, Lt. Col. Piner, Pte. Wilson, Pte. Dumbrell). Runners up, "D" 2 Company, East Surrey Regiment (Sgt. Coomber, Sgt. Sales, Sgt. Rodger, Lt. Col. Meaker, Lt. Col. Cops, Pte. Wilce, Pte. Jones, Pte. Bullock, and Pte. Tread).

Individual Rifle: 300 yards slow and snap (Practice No. 1, slow) Pte. Thomas, A. Co., Pte. Allan, B. Co., Cpl. Henslake A. Co., East Surrey, Pte. Lea and Bandman Turnbull, (H. Q. Wing) scored 1 each. Practice No. 2 (Snap shooting) Pte. Treadway A. Co., Pte. Hills B. Co., Pte. Hamblin, C. Co., East Surrey Regiment scored 5 each. Pte. Thorne, Sergeant Jones, and Pte. Mable, of the H. Q. Wing and Lt. Col. Bendall (R.A.O.C.) also scored. Best aggregate (Slow and Snap) Total score—Pte. Thorne and Sgt. Jones (H. Q. Wing) tied for first place with 21 each. Pte. Lea (H. Q. Wing), 21; Major Drake, 19; Cpl. Carver B. Co. East Surrey, 19; Pte. Thomas, A. Co. East Surrey, 10; Lt. Col. Pendall (R.A.O.C.) 18.

Pool Shoot: In connection with the individual rifle competitions, in each of the three practice shoots the competitors scored pool bulls.

## LEAGUE CRICKET.

## K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

On Saturday, April 25, at 2 p.m. on the K.C.C. ground, the following have been selected to play for Kowloon:—H. Overy (captain), J. C. Lyl, F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, Geo. Lee, A. R. F. Raven, K. R. Macaskill, J. C. Fletcher, B. Petheram, and L. A. R. Duncan.

The University team, as announced yesterday, will be:—R. M. Bathurst (Captain), Rev. E. K. Quick, A. S. Hett, A. R. Rumjahn, W. M. Gittins, T. O. Yow, J. L. Youngs, C. W. Lam, S. O. Shahabudin, S. Hachima and B. P. Ng.

## SCHOOL SPORTS.

## YESTERDAY'S YAU MATI MEETING.

At King's Park, Kowloon, yesterday, the Yau Mat Government (District) School sports were held after being put over from March 30, on account of inclement weather. In spite of the heat the racing was very keen.

Results follow:—  
100 Yards.—1, Yeung Kan-po; 2, Lam Cho-lun.

High Jump.—1, Lam Cho-lun; 2, Li Hong-tung.

Sack Race.—1, Li Hong-tung; 2, Li Shiu-lan.

Egg and spoon Race.—1, Leung Kwong-hing; 2, Chan To-shing.

Three Legged Race.—1, Chan Yuen-ye and Fung Chu-lai; 2, Leung Kwong-hing and To Shu-keung.

300 Yards.—1, Lam Ho-yin; 2, Leung Wah-hing.

200 Yards.—1, Leung Hin-sung; 2, Li Kwok-chung.

Pick-a-Back Race.—1, Li Hong-tung and Li Chin-shing; 2, Chan Pang-ai and Fung Shu-sang.

400 Yards.—1, Fong Mui-wong; 2, Chan Kwong-ice.

Class Team Race (Senior).—Class 4A.

Class Team Race (Junior).—Class 7A.

Master's Race.—1, Mr. Chin; 2, Mr. Hon.

Tug-of-War.—1, Classes 5 and 6.

Consolation Race.—1, Cheung Koon-sung; 2, Tung Ting-nam.

At the conclusion of the races the prizes were presented by Mrs. A. O. Brown, wife of the headmaster of the school.

## RACE HANDICAPS.

## WEIGHTS FOR NEXT EXTRA MEETING.

The following handicaps have been issued for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting, to be held on May 2:

3rd Race, Commonwealth Handicap, "A" Class, 6 Furlongs, Chicago 165, Clover Club 159, Gypsy Love 158, Seal the 157, Dictator 156, Magnificent Dahlia 155, Phenomenal Dahlia 154, Aucherbrook 150, Gypsy 148, King Emperor 147, Grey Streak 147, Wasp 146, Bayfield 144, Baby Eyes 143, Beauty Dahlia 143, Uncle Charlie 143, Valiant 141.

1st Race, Commonwealth Handicap, "B" Class, 6 Furlongs, Gaudie 161, Jambu 160, The Critic 159, Strathallan 158, Mowgli 157, Solly 153, Uncle Tam 152, Tudworth 151, A. B. 150, King Ptolemy 149, Hailsham 149, Toward 147, Two Pairs 146, Joe 145, New York 143, Langsat 140.

8th Race, Empire Handicap, "A" Class, 1 1/4 Miles, Curiosity Shop 160, Clover Club 159, Grey Knight 158, Gypsy Love 158, Seattle 157, Dictator Dahlia 155, Magnificent Dahlia 155, Golden Chrysanthemum 153, Phenomenal Dahlia 151, Sunacep 149, Grey Streak 148, Wimmera 146, Uncle Alf 145, King Alfred 144, Uncle Charlie 143.

5th Race, Empire Handicap, "B" Class, 1 1/4 Miles, Baby Eyes 163, Beauty Dahlia 163, Duke of Epsom 162, Valiant 161, Gaudie 161, Jambu 160, Pompy Leaf 160, Strathallan 158, Beldorney Star 157, Mowgli 157, Tudworth 151, A. B. 150, Toward 147, Langsat 140.

## "GETTING CASES."

## HOW A LUKONG WENT ABOUT IT.

## CHAUFFEUR DISCHARGED.

Found not guilty yesterday by the jury of the charge against him of having offered a revolver for sale in part payment of a debt, Bakshish Singh, Indian chauffeur to the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, D.P.W., waved his hand to the jury and said "thank you very much."

Jumme Khan, an Indian employed at the Fire Station was the means of the arrest being made, as the prisoner was alleged to owe him \$50 and to have employed another Indian to carry the revolver to the Fire Station, to hand it to Jumme Khan in part payment of this debt.

Questioned by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, who appeared for the defence, as to his friendship with the prisoner, Jumme Khan said that it was always policy to get men to have full confidence in them. It was thus that they got cases.

"Dear Mr. Editor.—Will you please read the enclosed carefully and return to me with your candid criticism as soon as possible, as I have other irons in the fire."

"Dear Mr. Smith.—Remove the irons and insert the poem."

## SPORTS CABLES.

## LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

## NELSON v. SOUTHPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 21. In the Northern section of the Third Division of the English League, Nelson were at home to Southport. Result:—  
Nelson.....2 Southport.....1  
[As the result of this match Nelson replace Southport for second position in the League.]

## ENGLISH LEAGUE.

## DIVISION I.

| Team            | P  | W  | L  | D  | F  | A  | Pts. |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Huddersfield    | 39 | 20 | 5  | 14 | 63 | 25 | 54   |
| West Brom.      | 38 | 23 | 9  | 6  | 57 | 33 | 52   |
| Bolton          | 39 | 20 | 9  | 10 | 68 | 34 | 50   |
| Newcastle U.I.  | 16 | 9  | 16 | 61 | 40 | 48 |      |
| Liverpool       | 38 | 10 | 9  | 19 | 60 | 50 | 47   |
| Bury            | 40 | 16 | 10 | 14 | 51 | 50 | 46   |
| Sunderland      | 40 | 13 | 8  | 19 | 62 | 49 | 46   |
| Nottingham      | 39 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 39 | 42 | 42   |
| Birmingham      | 39 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 46 | 52 | 41   |
| Manchester City | 40 | 16 | 15 | 9  | 74 | 66 | 41   |
| West Ham        | 41 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 61 | 59 | 41   |
| Cardiff City    | 40 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 54 | 47 | 41   |
| Tottenham       | 40 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 51 | 42 | 40   |
| Sheffield U.    | 40 | 13 | 15 | 12 | 54 | 61 | 38   |
| Blackburn       | 40 | 11 | 16 | 13 | 50 | 56 | 35   |
| Aston Villa     | 39 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 51 | 68 | 34   |
| Arsenal         | 40 | 14 | 21 | 5  | 36 | 55 | 33   |
| Everton         | 40 | 11 | 19 | 10 | 38 | 59 | 32   |
| Burnley         | 40 | 11 | 19 | 10 | 44 | 73 | 32   |
| Leeds U.        | 40 | 10 | 18 | 12 | 45 | 57 | 32   |
| Nottingham F.C. | 7  | 22 | 11 | 29 | 21 | 65 | 25   |
| Preston N.E.    | 40 | 10 | 25 | 5  | 36 | 70 | 25   |

## DIVISION II.

| Team          | P  | W  | L  | D  | F  | A  | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Leicester     | 40 | 22 | 7  | 11 | 85 | 31 | 55   |
| Derby         | 40 | 22 | 9  | 9  | 69 | 34 | 53   |
| Manchester U. | 39 | 22 | 8  | 9  | 52 | 23 | 53   |
| Portsmouth    | 40 | 14 | 9  | 17 | 53 | 48 | 45   |
| Chelsea       | 40 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 49 | 36 | 45   |
| Wolverhampton | 39 | 15 | 15 | 5  | 53 | 49 | 43   |
| Hull City     | 40 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 50 | 43 | 41   |
| Port Vale     | 39 | 17 | 15 | 7  | 44 | 49 | 41   |
| Bradford      | 39 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 37 | 42 | 38   |
| Middlesbrough | 40 | 12 | 18 | 10 | 35 | 42 | 38   |
| Southampton   | 38 | 11 | 16 | 11 | 33 | 38 | 38   |
| Clapton O.    | 40 | 14 | 16 | 10 | 41 | 41 | 38   |
| South Shields | 40 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 41 | 38 | 37   |
| Fulham        | 40 | 14 | 17 | 9  | 38 | 58 | 37   |
| Stockport     | 40 | 13 | 17 | 10 | 36 | 52 | 36   |
| Wednesday     | 40 | 14 | 19 | 7  | 45 | 54 | 35   |
| Cry Palace    | 40 | 12 | 18 | 10 | 37 | 41 | 34   |
| Blackpool     | 39 | 13 | 18 | 8  | 57 | 54 | 34   |
| Stoke         | 40 | 12 | 18 | 10 | 33 | 54 | 34   |
| Oldham        | 40 | 11 | 18 | 11 | 31 | 50 | 33   |
| Barnsley      | 39 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 44 | 59 | 33   |
| Coventry      | 40 | 11 | 21 | 8  | 45 | 81 | 30   |

## DIVISION III.

## Southern Section.

| Team        | P  | W  | L  | D  | F  | A  | Pts. |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Plymouth    | 40 | 22 | 9  | 9  | 70 | 37 | 53   |
| Swansea     | 39 | 21 | 8  | 10 | 64 | 33 | 52   |
| Bristol C.  | 40 | 21 | 10 | 9  | 57 | 38 | 51   |
| Millwall    | 40 | 17 | 10 | 13 | 56 | 37 | 47   |
| Newport     | 40 | 19 | 12 | 9  | 59 | 47 | 47   |
| Exeter      | 40 | 19 | 12 | 9  | 58 | 44 | 47   |
| Swindon     | 40 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 36 | 47   |
| Brighton    | 40 | 18 | 14 | 8  | 54 | 44 | 44   |
| Northants   | 40 | 19 | 15 | 6  | 48 | 39 | 44   |
| Southend    | 39 | 19 | 15 | 5  | 48 | 43 | 43   |
| Watford     | 40 | 16 | 16 | 8  | 37 | 47 | 40   |
| Gillingham  | 40 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 34 | 42 | 38   |
| Northwich   | 39 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 40 | 47 | 37   |
| Charlton    | 40 | 13 | 16 | 11 | 43 | 45 | 37   |
| Reading     | 39 | 13 | 16 | 10 | 33 | 36 | 36   |
| Aberdeen    | 40 | 14 | 19 | 7  | 52 | 63 | 36   |
| Luton       | 40 | 14 | 19 | 7  | 52 | 63 | 36   |
| Bristol R.  | 40 | 15 | 17 | 8  | 45 | 57 | 35   |
| Queens P.R. | 40 | 11 | 16 | 13 | 40 | 45 | 35   |
| Bournemouth | 39 | 12 | 19 | 8  | 38 | 53 | 32   |
| Brentford   | 40 | 9  | 24 | 7  | 36 | 86 | 25   |
| Merthyr     | 40 | 8  | 27 | 5  | 34 | 69 | 21   |

## DIVISION III.

## Northern Section.

|                |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Blackpool..... | 39 | 13 | 18 | 8  | 57 | 54 | 34 |
| Stoke .....    | 40 | 12 | 18 | 10 | 33 | 45 | 34 |
| Didham .....   | 40 | 11 | 18 | 11 | 31 | 50 | 33 |
| Barnsley ..... | 39 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 44 | 59 | 33 |
| Coventry ..... | 40 | 11 | 21 | 8  | 45 | 81 | 30 |



## TYPHOID MENACE.

## GOVERNMENT REFUSES INVESTIGATION.

## DR. KOCH'S CRITICISM.

## "LAISSEZ FAIRE" AND "BAD REPUTATION."

A reply has been made by the Government to the resolution passed at the Sanitary Board two months ago calling for a thorough investigation of the subject of typhoid in view of its steady persistence in the Colony. [At the meeting when this was passed the original resolution of Dr. Koch was that the assistance of the Public Health experts attached to the naval and military services should be solicited.]

The reply of the Government was laid before the Sanitary Board yesterday and was to the effect that a general investigation such as had been asked for would not be likely to have any beneficial result. Dr. Koch expressed astonishment at this attitude and attributed to it what he termed the "bad reputation Hongkong has abroad with regard to health conditions."

The Government's view was expressed in a minute written by Dr. J. B. Addison, P.C.M.O., an enclosed letter from the Colonial Secretary stating that the Government concurred. The minute was in the following terms:—

GOVERNMENT'S REPLY.

To the Hon. Colonial Secretary.—Where there is an epidemic of typhoid, the source of infection which had not been discovered, I think that there would be a call for a special investigation, but this is not the case, and with the exception of the small non-Chinese epidemic of last summer, the origin of which was investigated by the Medical Officer of Health, who came to a conclusion which, I think, was a right one, there has been nothing in the nature of epidemic typhoid. The cases which have been occurring are isolated ones, and there is nothing to suggest that the exact means of infection is the same in each case.

Any person or persons asked to investigate the occurrence of typhoid would first of all consider the two sources which are the most common causes of epidemic typhoid, namely, water and milk, but these are already carefully and regularly investigated by experts. We know of the water:—

- (1) That there is some pollution in the catchment areas.
- (2) That the filter beds do not adequately remove the effects of this pollution.

The water is therefore chlorinated in order to ensure safety. As to the milk it is regularly examined bacteriologically and the standard is known to be generally good. So far then the work of the investigators would only bring to light facts that are quite well known.

## DETECTION OF CARRIERS.

But as I have said above, there is no epidemic of typhoid, and the mere fact that the cases are isolated ones is strong evidence that the source of infection is not a general one such as water or milk, and this being so, no general investigation could be expected to be of any utility. Each case is an individual one and has to be investigated as a separate entity. All that is required for the infection of a person with typhoid is the conveyance into the human body of material which has become infected with typhoid bacilli, and the number of the various articles of food which may be so infected is very great, as are also the ways by which the articles can be infected.

It is unfortunately the case that a certain number of persons who had typhoid can carry the bacilli after recovery from the disease and the excreta (including urine) of such persons form an infective nidus from which others may be infected. Any effort to detect these "carriers" is, in a community such as this, an absolutely impossible and hopeless task.

In isolated cases such as we have, one may be due to the consumption of food which has been infected by a fly which has previously alighted on infected material, another from eating shell-fish taken from sewage polluted water, a third from eating infected vegetables in a raw state, and investigation is not going to help in cases of this nature. What is required is individual carelessness and the gradual improvement of the sanitary conditions generally. Under the living conditions of Hongkong, with its teeming population and confined space, it would be extraordinary if cases of typhoid did not occur. I am not of opinion that a general investigation such as asked for is required or would be likely to have any beneficial result.

(Sd.) J. B. ADDISON, P.C.M.O. 17.3.25.

## DR. KOCH'S CRITICISMS.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch said he would like to make a few remarks upon the Government's reply, a reply, he took it, that had been carefully thought out and might therefore be described as a reasoned one. The P.C.M.O. stated there was no epidemic, that the cases that occurred were isolated cases and that there was nothing to suggest that the exact means of infection were the same in each case. His (Dr. Koch's) comment on that was that that was exactly what they said, and why they wanted an investigation. It was, of course, the fact that when epidemics occurred in definite circumscribed areas, investigation soon settled the source of origin. No one could dispute such a self-evident statement. The importance of the research, he urged, was that work should be done in these same isolated cases to find out, if possible, where the infection arose, because it was evident that at any time any of these sources of infection which caused these isolated cases might cause a severe epidemic when conditions were favourable. When, years ago, cases of typhoid occurred after eating oysters, investigators were not content to fold their hands and attribute it to well-known means of conveyance, such as milk and water. They set to work and discovered that the contaminated oysters became infected, and by suitable measures were able to indicate this and thus prevent the disease further spreading. That happened, not very long ago.

## HONGKONG'S BAD REPUTATION.

The P.C.M.O. had reiterated that there was no epidemic of typhoid. That was one of their criticisms: they were not talking about an epidemic of typhoid. He went on to say that no general investigation could be expected to be of any utility. "I must confess," Dr. Koch proceeded, "I am surprised at a deliberate opinion of that nature being expressed by an official of that standing. This opinion of the P.C.M.O. has been adopted by the Government, and as this seems to be the policy of the Government in all these matters, I am afraid we can only attribute the bad reputation that Hongkong has abroad with regard to health conditions, to this laissez faire policy. The P.C.M.O.'s minute only states well-known facts as regards conveyance when he speaks of articles of food being infected and of carriers, but when he speaks of the detection of carriers as an absolutely impossible and hopeless task, and that investigation will not help in cases of a certain nature, I can only express my absolute astonishment at such a pronouncement from the chief Health Officer of the Colony. I still maintain and urge that serious research should be undertaken, in spite of the P.C.M.O.'s opinion, and I maintain that the general investigation such as is asked for is necessary and that it will have a beneficial effect, contrary to what is stated in that opinion which has been laid on the table."

## There was no further discussion.

The members present at the meeting, in addition to the President, were the Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy), Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton (Secretary). Others present were Dr. Severn (Assistant Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. D. Davies (Assistant Secretary).

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Viola Dana has the most interesting screen play for her career in "Dangerous to Men," seen last night by a big audience at the Queen's Theatre. The picture is adapted by A. P. Younger from H. V. Esmond's drama, "Eliza Comes to Stay," and the screen version reveals possibilities that were never brought out in the original play.

Miss Dana appears as Eliza, the orphan girl who at eighteen is thrust into a bachelor's household as his ward. She was an ugly duckling but she grew in charm until she was considered "dangerous."

It is a rôle that gives Miss Dana the opportunity of her career. Few actresses could have been equally convincing as the tomboy school girl of the early scenes and the dangerous siren of the climax of the drama. Yet Miss Dana bridged the gap of years with amazing virtuosity. By subtly artistic strokes she pictured the gradual development of the child through the inspiration of love into a fascinating young woman. Coming on top of her characterization of the Japanese girl in "The Willow Tree," Miss Dana's performance establishes her in the front rank of motion picture actresses.

## OUT OF THE PAST.

## MARKING A NEW ERA.

## THE "COLORADO" IN 1867.

The following, from the China Mail of January 31, 1867 will be found of much interest:

The arrival of the Colorado at Hongkong on this 31st day of January 1867, may be said to mark an era in the history of the external relations of the Chinese Empire with other countries. It is not merely that a single steamer which 29 days ago left San Francisco has safely arrived at this port. The Colorado is but the first of a line of packets, the largest vessels of their class, save the Great Eastern afloat; and as the pioneer of that line which may confidently be expected to effect a great change both in China and California by enlarging foreign influence and trade and by carrying a vast proportion of the surplus native population to the teeming valleys and fertile plains of the new El Dorado, we welcome her in all friendliness. Doubtless, a ship of a company which for \$300, \$200, or \$100, will take a European passenger, and for \$50, a Chinese, from Hongkong or Shanghai to San Francisco and whose list of ships comprises four steamers of and above 4,000 tons burden, combining comfort, safety, and low fares to an extent hitherto unheard of, is likely to affect our own companies at first; but universal experience has shown that traffic increases in exact proportion to the facilities afforded for intercommunication between port and port; and we have but small fear of any permanent injury to our old and well-abused friend, the P. & O. Co., if he will only recognise the signs of the times, and bearing in mind that "Monopoly is dead," fight the competitive battle which is now forced upon him in a spirit proportionate to his real strength, and in fair appreciation of the vigour and resources of his competitor. It is useless to attempt to disguise the fact that the projectors of this new line aim at participating in the business of the P. & O. Co. and of the Messageries Impériales. But it is equally true American blood they rely for ultimate success to a much greater degree upon the fresh fields of enterprise that will open before them in the Empire which they have now directly united commercially with the young republic of the West.

The principal work of the "new" line, lies more with the new world than the old, with which the "old" company may still continue to be our chief link. With such a territory to colonize as that of California alone, there is a legitimate opening for conveyance to its labour-needing shores, not the wretched specimens of humanity to go to fill up the ranks of "emigrants" for whose shipment certain parts of China have become infamous but bona fide emigrants, men from the more intelligent class of the population whose voluntary expatriation shall not line the pockets of the European, but whose freedom shall be absolute and undoubted. California fortunately possesses good reputation with those Chinese who have returned from it, and it is exceedingly probable that their representations will induce others of their countrymen to emigrate in reach of fortune and independence. Even under the conditions of uncertainty attending upon sailing voyages, thousands of Chinese have in past years found their way to the Western Continent. That their numbers will be most prodigiously increased in view of the facilities offered by the new line may be safely predicted, and the company may therefore be looked upon as an important auxiliary to the great object of civilizing China. To the missionary who looks forward to the evangelization of the millions now sunk in heathendom, such a help will be welcome, for civilization and Christianity in these days go hand in hand. To the merchant who looks forward to seeing the whole empire laid open to the adventure of the sons of the West, to the official who sees in the general opening up of China a fresh field of exertion and distinction, any steps which tend to these ends will be heartily approved; and now that America, eldest born of Great Britain has placed her own shores and those of far distant China and Japan in direct communication with each other, the approval and congratulations will be none the less hearty, that those of our own language and descent are about to do for communication eastward with China, what John Bull has years ago done for the West, taking warning by the occasional blunders, and advantage of the experience of the mother country. We, for Hongkong bid the "Colorado" and her sister ships a hearty welcome; and in future years it may be that educated China will consider this day of her first appearance no unimportant date in the history of foreign intercourse with the inhabitants of the Middle Kingdom.

The Colorado is a magnificent vessel of 3,723 tons register, with engines of 7,000 horse power, and a "Walking Beam" pattern. She is ship-rigged with the peculiarity that her foremast is the highest of the three. She has accommodation for 280 first class cabin passengers, 220 second class and 750 deck and steerage. Her saloons, staterooms, etc., are all of the most comfortable, roomy and airy character, and the passengers speak highly of the ship as a sea boat. She has four low pressure boilers; the maximum strain on which allowed is 25 lbs. to the square inch, but they have been tested up to 34 lbs., the cylinder of her engine is 160 inches in diameter and the piston rod has a stroke of 12 feet. With a consumption of 40 tons of coal per day she has made 10 knots an hour on an average throughout her voyage, which has been via Yokohama from San Francisco, the claim on the Company to stop at Honolulu having been abandoned for the present. The profits against accidents in cases of disaster are admirable, and the extraordinary precautions against destruction by fire show at once the danger and the certainty of immediately and decisively overcoming it. A 6-inch pipe through which water can be forced with immense power, runs the whole length of the vessel, and hoses with a stream of 2 inches diameter are placed, in communication with this pipe, about over 40 feet along her decks—three of these powerful stream of water can be directed at once at any given point. A donkey engine is also in communication with this piping, for use in the event of any accident happening to the main machinery. There are also five fire pumps, in addition to the usual construction. Twelve large lifeboats are ranged along the upper deck, hung in a very simple manner, and evidently easily launched, and as many life preservers, cork belts, air belts, etc. (that is to say 1,250) as possible.

## V.R.C. BOXING.

## BETTS TO FIGHT PIPERS.

## ADDED BOUT.

The "China Mail" has been informed that on the night of Saturday, April 25, at the V.R.C. boxing tournament, there will be a six-rounds contest between Marine Betts, H.M.S. Hawkins, who is welterweight champion of Hongkong, and Leading Stoker Piper of H.M.S. Despatch.

## WORLD'S RUBBER.

## (Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 21. Mining Lane rubber dealers are talking of a world rubber shortage before very long and state that statistics show that the supplies of rubber in London are decreasing by one thousand tons per week. Anti-restrictionists declare that increased consumption of rubber alone is responsible, since the reduction of output by British plantations has been more than equalled by the increase of the Dutch output.

## MILK SUPPLY.

## LESS RISK IN NEW TERRITORIES.

In order to ensure as pure a milk supply as possible from Chinese dairies in the New Territories the Government has decided to remove a number of small milk supplies from scattered Chinese villages, to a single rural area at Diamond Hill. In connection with the scheme the Sanitary Board yesterday appointed a committee to examine plans of the proposed new dairies and to consider registration of dairies to lot holders in that locality.

Mr. N. L. Smith, President of the Board, said that he was not sure how far the Board had been kept informed of it. The Department had been pressing for this scheme for a considerable period. The sanitary advantages of removing a number of small milk supplies from scattered Chinese villages to a single rural area, where the supply could be guaranteed pure as far as possible, needed no argument. The site had been carefully chosen and a number of the lots had already been sold on the condition that they should be used as small dairies, and therefore the registration by the Board was, he thought, more or less a formality. The only point was that every particular plan would have to be carefully examined by the technical experts of the Department. It seemed to him, therefore, that they should be allowed to go a step further and actually register the dairies, reporting their action when it was complete.

The Board granted applications for the registration of the ground floors of No. 48 Haiphong Road, and No. 2 and No. 4 Tung Lo Wan as dairies.

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## GOLD FRANC PACT.

## BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE'S POSITION.

## (Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, April 21. The Gold Franc Agreement was signed on April 12, but both Governments agreed that it should not be made public until this afternoon.

The documents consist of letter one from Shen Jui-lin to the French Minister recording an agreement of eight articles arrived at between the two Governments, to which is appended an amortisation table; (2) answer one, being the French Minister's reply confirming the terms of the agreement; (3) letter two from Shen Jui-lin to Vicomte Martel concerning the Banque Industrielle de Chine; and (4) Vicomte Martel's reply thereto.

Letter 1 says:— "In pursuance of the exchange of views between the Chinese Government and your Excellency concerning the retrocession and allocation of the balance of the French shares of the 1901 Indemnity, I beg to record as follows: An Agreement arrived at between our two Governments:—

Art. I.—The French Government bind themselves to the Chinese Government to the effect that the unpaid balance of the French share of the 1901 Indemnity will be retroceded to China to be devoted to French and Chinese institutions. The French Government agree to consider the service resumed dating from December 1, 1924, instead of December 1, 1922, and refund to China in every right 24 monthly instalments matured and postponed.

Art. II.—The Chinese Government bind themselves to the French Government to the effect that the above-mentioned balance of the Indemnity still due by China be retroceded as said above, to be calculated on the basis of telegraphic transfer as set forth in the Protocol of 1905, together with the eventual exchange profit which might have resulted from this mode of payment, should be converted in its whole into United States gold dollars and advanced to the Banque Industrielle de Chine by annuities from December 1, 1924, to 1947, to secure a loan issued in United States gold dollars bearing five per cent. interest, and redeemable in 23 years according to the attached list of annuities. With the approval of the French Government, the Banque shall hand over at one time to the Chinese Government as security for reimbursement of the said advance the whole of the Reparation Bonds held by Eastern creditors and exchanged, and the repayment of the loan shall be made good when all the amounts and conditions of realisation of which are related in Art. IV have been remitted. If these bonds can not be amortised within 23 years, the Banque will be responsible for the amounts still due on them, even though the amortisation already effected should equal the amount of gold dollar bonds of the loan above stipulated, together with the exchange profit which might eventually be made on the Reparation Bonds should the franc regain its par value, the whole amount being turned over with no possible dispute to the Chinese Government, the owner of the Reparation Bonds, to be used by French and Chinese institutions as said in Art. VIII of the Treaty of the Transactionnel Settlement.

Art. III.—With the approval of the French Government, the Banque Industrielle de Chine agrees with the Chinese Government that the bonds issued be applied (a) to Far Eastern creditors of the Banque Industrielle de Chine for exchange at par of the Reparation Bonds issued to them according to the Treaty of Transactionnel Settlement; (b) to French and Chinese educational or philanthropic institutions, according to conditions which shall be yearly determined in Peking by agreement between the representatives of the French Government and the Chinese Education Ministry. The Banque Industrielle de Chine, as a substitute for the interest on the annuities and because of the whole loan being at its disposal, agrees to set apart for French and Chinese institutions a number of bonds sufficient to insure a minimum annuity of 200,000 gold dollars, which may be increased to 250,000 gold dollars, should the balance of the loan permit after the Banque has fulfilled all its obligations; (c) to the settlement of the overdue shares of the Chinese Government in the Banque Industrielle de Chine; (b) to the payment of the debts of the Chinese Government to the Banque Industrielle de

## COTTON PROSPECTS.

## BRITISH EXPERT'S OPINIONS.

## (Reuter's Service.)

## LONDON, April 21.

Mr. Frederick Tomlinson, President of the Manchester Cotton Association has returned from two months' visit to the United States where he was the principal British delegate to the Washington cotton convention. He holds the opinion that the cotton crop in America will not exceed last year's as confidently predicted.

He said it is generally opined there will be a bigger crop east of the Mississippi but an equally big deficiency west falling immediately.

Washington, April 21.—President Coolidge, welcoming the annual convention of Daughters of the American Revolution, praised their effort for ameliorating the condition of immigrants and voiced the opinion that restriction of immigration was necessary in view of the unprecedented tide which would have flowed to the United States from Europe since the War if there had been no bar. The President quoted competent authorities as saying that two million annually would have come during the past four years, or more than thrice as many as did come. This would have been more than the United States could well have assimilated, and more than European countries could well afford to lose.—Reuter's American Service.

China. If after the settlement of these liabilities there remains an available balance of the bonds, these should belong to the Chinese Government and their proceeds applied to French and Chinese educational and philanthropic institutions.

Art. IV.—The Reparation Bonds kept as security for the loan shall be redeemed according to the Transactionnel Settlement by funds coming from (a) realisation of the assets of the Banque Industrielle de Chine by the Societe Francaise Gerance acting as proxy (b) realisation of the assets of the Banque Industrielle de Chine made by itself, and for which the Societe will have assumed no mandate; (c) the share of 90 per cent. of the profits of the Societe Gerance to be refunded to the Banque Industrielle de Chine; all interests from the Fes. 50,000,000 rolling fund handed over by the Banque Industrielle de Chine to the Societe; (d) the proceeds of concessions belonging to the Banque Industrielle de Chine; and (f) all other profits derived from business done directly under the authorisation of the Societe Gerance.

Art. V.—The Reparation Bonds held by Far Eastern creditors remitted to the Chinese Government shall enjoy the same advantages without distinction as those held by the other creditors. Every half-year an account of the receipts as defined in the preceding Article shall be made under the supervision of the French and Chinese Board of Directors of the Societe Gerance and the funds shall be proportionally divided according to the Treaty of Transactionnel Settlement.

Art. VI.—The amount and denomination of the American gold dollar bonds will be conformable to the model attached herewith and approved by the Chinese Government.

Art. VII.—The Chinese Government, with the qualification of shareholders, shall have the right to appoint Commissioners to inspect the books of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, and may also supervise the handing over of the bonds to Far Eastern creditors.

Art. VIII.—The letters exchanged by the representatives of both Governments on June 24, 1922, July 5, 1922, and July 27, 1922, will continue as the six conditions of the French Law of February 8, 1923, for all that is not mentioned in the present Agreement.

Shen Jui-lin's second letter expresses the Chinese Government's wish that their participation in the subscription of the shares of the Societe be Fes. 10,000,000 minimum; and that the Banque Industrielle de Chine be so styled as to express more precisely its Franco-Chinese character. Vicomte Martel, in reply, says that the French Legation has received an assurance that the Societe gerance will endeavour to give complete satisfaction to the Chinese Government as regards participation in the subscription of shares within the shortest time. The reply states that the Societe Gerance has given an assurance that its application may be altered by the simple decision of the Board of Directors.

## ROBBERS FOILED.

## EUROPEAN CAPTURES ONE.

## EXCITING KOWLOON CHASE.

A gang of three men who attempted to commit an armed robbery at No. 30, Chatham Road, Kowloon, yesterday morning, met with disappointment when two of their number were arrested, one with a fully loaded revolver in his possession.

The gang took to flight on an alarm being raised by a woman occupant. The alarm was followed by the blowing of police whistles. Mr. F. J. W. Focken, of Alex. Ross and Co., who happened to be passing, gave chase and effected the arrest of one man. Another man brought in later by Indian constables was identified by the woman as one of the gang.

## WOMAN'S PRESENCE OF MIND.

Another attempt made by a gang of five men at No. 25, Kai Yan Street, Kowloon City, at noon yesterday, also proved unsuccessful, the robbers being scared off by the presence of mind of a woman who ran out of the house and gave the alarm. One of the men gained entrance to the premises on the pretence of having come to rent a cubicle and actually brought with him two trestles and some boards which he proceeded to erect. He was later joined by his confederates armed with revolvers. All the men made good their escape.

Mr. White: "Here, waiter, bring me a spoon for my coffee." Waiter: "Sorry, sir, but we don't serve them—the music here is so stirring."

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Debentures were drawn at the Pavilion on MONDAY, the 20th April 1925:—

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And NOTICE is hereby given that the Debentures numbered as above which are not cashed on the 30th April, 1925 will be paid on the 31st October, 1925, after which date they will cease to bear interest.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two (Chinese) cases of enteric fever were notified for the 24 hours ended Monday last.

The first ordinary annual meeting of the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd., is advertised for Thursday, May 7 at 2.30 p.m.

Ten houses (numbers 1 to 10) at MacGregor Street, Wanchai, were sold yesterday to Mr. Leung Wan-ho for \$82,000, rising from \$70,000. The houses are in one block and have a total area of 6,695 feet. The sale took place at the sale room of Mr. A. G. da Rocha.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended on April 18, shows 3 fatal cases of small-pox. Four deaths occurred in previously notified cases. The return shows 2 fatal cases of diphtheria out of 3 reported, 2 cases of enteric fever, and 5 cases of cerebro-spinal fever, 3 of which were fatal. All the above cases were Chinese except 1 case of small-pox, which was Indian.

The Command Orders by Major General Luard, issued yesterday, confirm the report that in the programme of intended reliefs during the year 1925-26, the 1st Bn. The East Yorkshire Regiment, now in Egypt, is to relieve the 1st Bn. The Loyal Regiment, in North China. The Loyals go to India. In the Artillery Branch, the 13th Heavy Battery will proceed to India being relieved in Hongkong by the 5th Heavy Battery from Gibraltar.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), paid a visit yesterday morning to the site at Ngau Shi Wan, where work is at present in progress for the construction of the new jail. His Excellency, who was accompanied by his A.D.C. (Capt. Neville), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, D.P.W., and others, spent upwards of an hour in inspecting the work, which at the present stage consists of pile driving. Sir Edward, showed a great interest in the operations, and expressed pleasure at the progress that was being made.

The transmission of Radio Telegrams to Swatow is suspended.

A returned banisher gave at the Criminal Sessions yesterday as the reason for his breach of the order made in respect of himself, the practice of commandering coolies in Canton. He had been sentenced to six months, eighteen months and three years' imprisonment for similar breaches and he was sent to prison for another three years.

Still it rains. To the date of writing, 31st March, says the "British North Borneo Herald" we have only had one day this month on which no rain at all has fallen. On some days there has been nothing more than a fine shower, just enough to make outdoor games unpleasant. On other days heavy rain has fallen.

Spanish women, albeit slowly, are seeking higher education. During the academic year that ended in 1923 there were 363 women students at the institution as compared with 60 in 1917. They are good students, and their work is much more brilliant than that of the men, according to the university authorities.

The cross-word puzzle craze has produced many curious developments. Librarians are getting worried because their dictionaries and encyclopaedias are much in request that their bindings are getting worn out. Lending libraries say that the number of ordinary reading books taken out has sensibly decreased, while the book sales departments have done well with the tremendously increased sales of cheap dictionaries and encyclopaedias. Included with these is the Thesaurus, which, almost unobtainable at second-hand bookshops, will probably find its way to them in plenty as soon as the craze goes the way of all crazes and disappears. But at present it is in very full swing. Strap-hangers in busses and tubes knit their brows to find animals of four legs beginning with a B, and parents are pestered with similar questions by their children.

It is hinted in the North that the stay of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in Tientsin will end before next winter. They are to be relieved by the East Yorkshire Regiment. These like the Loyals are said to be young soldiers.

Aeroplane flying high above the city will shortly take 1000 photographs for the purpose of making a big air map of Greater London. The pictures will be fitted together to form a vast mosaic, giving a bird's-eye view of an area of 100 square miles.

The takings of the Manchester University students in their Shrove Tuesday "rag" for the hospitals totalled over \$5,800. It is a record which more than doubles last year's result, and leaves the last Liverpool figure—which was an object of keen rivalry—far behind.

The Buddhist Association in Peking has sent a petition to the Central Government praying that the birthday of Buddha shall be observed on April 30 with a holiday and that an order should be issued forbidding the slaughter of animals on that day.

A quantity of Australian fruit, including grapes, peaches, apples and pears of very good quality, was recently available in the Sandakan market owing to the enterprise of a Chinese fruit-seller who purchased them from A. Arafura. We hope that his speculation proved, as it certainly deserved to do, a profitable one and that he will be induced to repeat the experiment, says the "British North Borneo Herald."

In the presence of a congregation of some thirty persons on Sunday morning, March 29, Bishop Heaslett held a service of dedication in the temporary wooden church which was erected last summer on the site of the old Christ Church, Yokohama. The Chaplain, the Rev. Eustace Strong, and the Rev. A. S. Hewlett, who has been acting chaplain during the winter, also took part in the service and Mrs. William Blundell played the music.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Way, Mr. J. A. Carpenter, Mr. J. Rapley, Mr. J. Jamieson, Mr. W. P. Millington and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brockhurst were passengers on the incoming Hakozaki Maru.

A Home paper says:—Miss Olive Orme, daughter of Mr. Charles Orme, Penrith, a mistress of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, and an ex-pupil of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith, has accepted a good scholastic appointment in Hongkong, and expects to sail soon after Easter.

Sergeant Major Kejan Singh was bitten by a crocodile near the new Sikh temple at Batu Tiga a few days ago about 8 p.m., says the "B. N. Borneo Herald." He went to wash in a swamp, and the crocodile caught his arm. He struggled to get away and fell and the crocodile got him by the hands but eventually he was able to get away. Sergeant Major Kejan Singh is at present in Hospital.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, 20 resident Fellows, 54 non-resident Fellows, 32 Associates, and 9 Undergraduates were elected, amongst them being the following from British Malaya:—Francis G. Allen (Singapore), Michael D. Fallon (Seremban), James D. G. Morice (Kuantan), Wm. Patterson (Perak), E. E. Pengilly (Kuala Lumpur), Joseph V. Roberts (Penang), Harry W. Smith (Kuantan), and Robert G. Vergette (Kuala Lumpur).

Lord Reading's trip to England is being made both on personal and political grounds. His health of late has not been quite as good as it ought to be, and a few months in England was strongly recommended by his doctor. But of course the primary reason for his visit is political. Rumour has it that Lord Lytton, who is temporarily stepping into the Viceroy's shoes, is now in the running for the post when Lord Reading vacates it. The latter, it is said, would like to be succeeded by the present Governor of Bengal.

Lytton has been born and brought up in an oriental atmosphere. His father was Viceroy when Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress. He was also a poet of distinction, who wrote under the pseudonym of "Owen Meredith." The late Earl has a somewhat gloomy cast of mind, with strong literary tendencies.

It has been decided to place a wreath on the War Memorial in Shanghai on Anzac Day, April 25. This is the anniversary of the landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli, and is now observed throughout Australia and New Zealand as their National Day.

In her book about her genius-husband, Mrs. Arnold Bennett states that his hobbies are playing the piano, handwriting, painting in water colours, yachting, reading modern poetry, dancing, and meeting young poets, musicians, actors and actresses. Mrs. Bennett mentions also that the great man can write a novel in two months.

Malcolm Scott has temporarily deserted the halls for the theatres. Many music hall artists have done this at various times—usually unsuccessfully. In towns where they have proved an enormous attraction at the music hall, they have been unable to attract at the theatre. Even Yvonne Tilly, who was probably the greatest "draw" ever known in the Variety world, was not a success when she toured in a musical play called "The Bicycle Girl."

The omniscience of Lord Balfour is truly remarkable. Not only has he become a sort of political oracle and adviser-in-chief to the British Government, but he remains an active social figure. And his physical powers are no less amazing. There is a rather amusing story about an enthusiastic young lady who was sitting next to him at a dinner. After expressing her wonderment at his sporting prowess, she turned to him and asked sweetly: "Have you ever thought of taking up golf?"

A hundred years ago on March 29, Charles Lamb, homeward bound from the city, slipped into the letter-box of Crab Robinson's chambers in the Temple a note consisting of these words: "I have left the d—d India House for ever! Give me great joy." The centenary of this event was commemorated on Monday, the 30th, by a dinner in the Hall of the Inner Temple, adjacent to Lamb's birthplace. 2, Crown Office Row. Ladies were admitted on this occasion. The chair was taken by Mr. Augustine Birrell, and the speakers included Sir Edmund Gosse, Mr. G. K. Chesterton, and Mr. J. C. Squire.

Mrs. Coolidge is expecting a happy event, says a London wire of March 28. No child has been born at the White House since 1893.

The Prime Minister's Socialist son, Mr. Oliver Baldwin, has already a novel to his credit, and we are now to have another book dealing with experiences and travel in the East.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald gave an interesting little private dinner party at the House of Commons. His guests were Sir James Barrie, Mr. and Mrs. Drinkwater, Mr. J. Tweed, the sculptor, and Mr. John Strachey.

At the bookshop which Sir A. Conan Doyle has opened in Westminster his own books are not on sale. Even Sherlock Holmes finds no place on the shelves. The shop is wholly for the sale of spiritualist literature. It is a propaganda shop.

There was a large assembly at the Kobe Women's Club meeting the other afternoon, when a programme of Gilbert and Sullivan songs was given by Miss Anderson (who organised it), Miss Bass, Mr. Graham Butler, and Mr. Stuart Young. The songs were all very well received, and there was much enthusiasm, which grew as the programme proceeded.

The King of Siam has written a five-act tragedy, Madanabhadra, (the Legend of the Rose). It is in Siamese classical metres (Chandas) of various metres, some of them rarely employed by modern Siamese poets. It has been submitted to the Committee of the Royal Literary Society, and the author received from that body a diploma dated May 11, B.E. 2466 (A.D. 1923).

Colonel Zanni, who has been making a number of trial flights preparatory to the resumption of the flight round the world, rather surprised Shioya-ites, by making something of a dive over the hills behind Suma, and coming out very low over the sea at Shioya. It looked from Suma as though the aviator was in difficulties and was going to land somewhere in the hills, but in two or three minutes the plane came sailing out again on its way back to Osaka.

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Baron Ago von Maltzan, the newly-arrived German Ambassador, made quite a favourable impression upon the ship news reporters. He declared that the death of President Ebert would not affect the stability of the German Republic, which, he predicted, would "go on for ever." Diplomats in Germany "cannot afford any larger families," he replied when asked whether he had only one child. He said



BARON AGO VON MALTZAN

"experienced" journalists would not expect him to make utterances of a political nature just now. He had no "hot news" for them, but he emphasised that "through the initiative and genius of the United States a vast plan had been worked out—the Dawes plan—by which the terrible economic wounds inflicted by the world war are to be healed, and that means indirectly that the world is to be set in order again so that true peace and goodwill may bind all nations in a new constructive friendship and harmony." Under the Dawes plan Germany had accepted heavy burdens, but the letter and spirit of that plan, in finding a solution for the reparations problem, Germany, said the Baron, would faithfully fulfill. "That," he concluded, "is the guiding principle of my instructions, and will be the keynote of my work."

### HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9. The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level. To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

April 20, to 25, 1925.

| Time   | High Water    |        | Low Water     |        |
|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|
|        | Standard Time | Height | Standard Time | Height |
| Mon.   | 20            | 5.10   | 2.30          | 2.80   |
| Tue.   | 21            | 5.18   | 2.38          | 2.88   |
| Wed.   | 22            | 5.26   | 2.46          | 2.96   |
| Thurs. | 23            | 5.34   | 2.54          | 3.04   |
| Fri.   | 24            | 5.42   | 2.62          | 3.12   |
| Sat.   | 25            | 5.50   | 2.70          | 3.20   |
| Sun.   | 26            | 5.58   | 2.78          | 3.28   |

### TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Professor Hermann Reich, Professor of Greek Literature and Philosophy at Berlin University, has aroused the greatest interest, both among servants and theatrical managers of the higher class in Germany, by the announcement of his discovery of the oldest opera libretto in the world. So old, indeed, is the papyrus, from which he has deciphered the cues given to both players and orchestra nearly two thousand years ago, that it is possible to suggest that our present-day revues and musical comedies are the direct descendants of a dramatic form lost for centuries and never entirely discovered until early Mozart operas made their appearance.

The Greek "Mimus," popular play or "Vollesstick," which after the classical age formed the entertainment of the masses, and was believed to be a species of vulgar farce, appears from this to have been highly Offenbachian in character. Professor Reich has been searching for a life-time for the missing link in the long chain of evidence which pointed to the existence of early comic operas. Twenty-five years ago, in his monumental work, "Der Mimus," he pointed out the probability of such early music drama in the days of the Greek-Roman Empire. Not till today has he succeeded in reconstructing from what appeared to be a completely obscure fragment of papyrus, this earliest of all musical plays. It is of peculiar interest to English scholars that this particular fragment forms part of the big find of papyrus made by Messrs. Grenfell and Hunt in the Egyptian village of Behnasa, better known by its Greek name of Oxyrhynchus, in 1904. It dates from the second century A.D.

#### STORY OF THE PLAY.

Prof. Reich, who was kind enough to give me personal details on behalf of "The Observer," states that the very much abbreviated and interlined document is by no means a text-book, but must have been used by the stage manager for giving directions to both players and orchestra. It has taken years to decipher. At the beginning of the war the Danish scholar, Dr. Egil Rostrup, pointed out the technical character of certain terms in the papyrus pertaining to the theatre. Prof. Reich pursued his researches further, and has no hesitation in declaring that the oldest opera in the world is now lying before us.

"The heroine of this opera," said Prof. Reich, "is a beautiful young lady, named Chariton, who appears, with her servant, to have fallen into the hands of an Indian king after a shipwreck. She lives a prisoner in a temple on the shores of the Indian Ocean. One day a ship appears, bringing her brother to rescue her. This brother, after a very lively banquet in honour of the gods, succeeds in making the Indian king and his following so drunk that he can escape with his sister. It is a kind of parody on 'Iphigenia in Tauris,' with dramatic and comic scenes alternating, musical intermezzi, and buffoonery much after the fashion of Mozart's 'Magic Flute.' Chariton is a sentimental heroine, chaste, filial, and lovable. Her brother is the exact counterpart of the operatic hero.

A BURLESQUE KING.  
The Indian king belongs to burlesque pure and simple. When he comes with much absurd pomp to the temple of the moon-goddess there are 'interludes'—ballad, choruses, both male and female, and songs and dances. The funniest part of it is the 'Indian' language spoken by the

king, and answered in solemn antistrophe by his chorus. This consists in syllables strung together in such a manner as to convulse the audience.

Panumbretikatanmanuanbretuneni signs the king.  
Panumbretikatanmanuanbretuneni.  
Panumbretikatanmanuanbretuneni replies the court.

"The funny man proper is the heroine's servant, who understands no Indian, and whose efforts in that direction result in knock-about comedy, pure and simple. His jokes are of the broadest, and quite impossible, but his clowning has survived to the present day. His efforts to understand the language always end in blows. It is only after finding too well that the king remarks that he knows a little Greek, and he sings an aria to the moon goddess, with song and dance, before collapsing in a state of complete intoxication. His court, as chorus, follow his example, and it is over their prostrate bodies that hero and heroine make good their escape. One may imagine that the play ends with their triumphant entry into their own home.

JOE'S THUNDER ON THE DRUM.  
"It is apparent from the directions of the papyrus that the drum played a great part in the musical accompaniment, particularly when the clown humorously invokes Joe's thunder, and more seriously in the Indian temple dances. Directions here are very detailed. Arias and couplets are accompanied, as in Plautus comedies, by the flute. The zither was also used. The whole performance necessitated a big company of performers, and must have been performed with boisterous verve and gaiety."

Professor Reich's connection with modern production in Germany is as important as his research work. In his endeavour to reintroduce a little of the Dionysian spirit of revelry which was the beginning of all dramatic performances he has made valuable suggestions to many great German producers. Reinhardt's revivals of Offenbach's operas have been mounted in accordance with many of his suggestions; his insistence on the fact that Mozart and Shakespeare are the most typically direct descendants of the old Mimus dramatists has led to the invariable accompaniment of Mozart's music to Shakespearean comedy on the Berlin stage.

THE COMIC TRADITION.  
As a matter of fact," said Prof. Reich, "the trouble with the drama of to-day and its limited appeal only arises from the fact that contact with the masses has been lost by the literary playwright. Back to the old rollicking spectacles of song and dance, or to the clowning sandwiched between the tragedy, as in Shakespeare! When jesting was under a cloud in the early Middle Ages of medieval Europe, people had forgotten that the earliest Passion Plays were burlesques. Good-humoured fun had been made of the old gods and goddesses so long that it was perfectly natural to laugh at the new religion of Christianity from the stage. There is surely no more potent example of the power of the early Church than the detailed accounts in the Acta Sanctorum of two actors who were suddenly converted while experiencing mock martyrdom. The proclamation from the stage that they believed in very truth the words they were speaking belong to the most dramatic moments ever experienced on any stage. In any case their story in the history of the Saints is one of the most powerful lines in the history of the continuity of the drama."

### SENOR IBANEZ.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE COMMENCED.

MADRID.

The Public Prosecutor has found in certain articles by Senores Blasco Ibanez, Miguel de Unamuno, and Ortega Gasset



BLASCO IBANEZ

material for charge of lese-majeste, attempt against the monarchical form of Government, and of incitement to rebellion, and has ordered legal proceedings to be commenced. The three writers named are ordered to appear before the examining magistrate here.

The military judge at Huelva has ordered the ex-Minister, Senor Albi, to appear before him to answer to a charge of libelling the head of the Directory in a newspaper article.

### WAR SPIRIT DEAD.

RETURNING AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS.

NEW YORK.

Mr. Alanson Houghton, the returning Ambassador from Berlin, has arrived home for a month's rest previous to going to London as Mr. Kellogg's successor. He



AL HUGHTON

ridiculed the idea that Germany was arming for another war, and described the statements that a military alliance exists between Germany and Russia as equally false. The war spirit, he considers, is dead, and the German Republic has come to stay. He avoided questions seeking his views on Germany's present attitude towards France, but greatly praised the work of the Dawes plan. In Mr. Houghton's opinion, Germany is going earnestly to work to carry out its obligations under that plan.

### \$40,000,000 DEAL.

"EQUITABLE" BUILDING SOLD.

The vast office building known as the Equitable Building, situated in Broadway, has been sold after protracted negotiations to the Empire Trust Company for \$40,000,000. The Equitable is the biggest office building in New York, and the third largest in the world, the two largest being in Cleveland and Detroit. It was begun on the site of the old Equitable structure, which was burnt down the year before the war, and was completed in 1915.

The girl seemed deaf to the pleadings of her lover. "You are deaf to my entreaties," he said, in injured tones. "I am," she returned. "But I have a beautiful diamond ring for you." "Oh, well," she murmured, in a change of voice, "I am not stone deaf."

### PRESS AND SCIENCE.

SIR OLIVER LODGE ON TELEPATHY.

It was "Science Night" at the Press Club when Mr. Percival Marshall presided over a large attendance at the monthly "house dinner." The guests of the evening were Sir Oliver Lodge, F.R.S., and Sir Ronald Ross, K.C.B.

Sir Oliver, who was enthusiastically received, responding to the toast of "Science," said that he had no complaint as to what was being done in the newspapers for science. Whenever there was a new discovery announced from the furthermost part of the world, it was singular that British scientists got rung up on the telephone to say what it all meant. (Laughter). It was a very good sign that they should be on the look-out for any new scientific discoveries, and were ready to broadcast them and make them known to the public. In that respect the scientists would always help the Press.

Without the Press men of science would be taking in each other's washing. How the Press had made known Relativity! The public perhaps did not know much about it now—(Laughter)—but it was a great thing that they should want to know more about it.

A WONDERFUL AGE.  
"We are living in wonderful times," continued Sir Oliver. "The twenty-four hours of this century have been such that I do not know any previous quarter century in the world's history equal to it."

"I have investigated telepathy, and I tell you it is a reality," continued Sir Oliver. "I am not out to fool myself and others. I want to find out the facts. At present we do not understand it. We do not know how to explain it. We have not a theory, but that will come in time. At present we know it is a fact that one mind can act on another by other than the ordinary channels of sense."

"The physical process, when I am speaking to you, is comparatively insignificant. The mental process is the vital thing. If we find that mental processes can go on between one mind and another without these indirect physical processes, I shall not be surprised."

"It will show that mind is not inseparably associated with matter, but can exist without matter, can go on apart from the brain, and that though the brain is necessary to manifest it, it is not necessary for the thought and memory to persist. I hope you will make people realise that these things, if true, are really important, and that the evidence for them is very strong."

ANTI-MALARIAL CAMPAIGN.  
Sir Ronald Ross, also replying, said he wanted to thank the Press of the world for the help rendered in the anti-malarial campaign. To malaria alone two million lives a year were sacrificed, and a million and a third of these were in India alone. The Press had helped them immensely, but there was still much to be done. They were improving gradually.

His daughter had just gone to Sierra Leone to teach them how to get rid of mosquitoes there, and she had just written to him to say that she had not seen a single mosquito there yet. We were not spending enough money on investigation as to the germs of disease, and the germ of smallpox had not even yet been discovered.

A PENNY PER HEAD.  
We were spending £180,000 a year on medical research, but what did that amount to per head of the population of the United Kingdom? They were going to start work at the Ross Institute, which his friends had founded. The men who investigated successfully in this world were very few, and Sir Oliver Lodge was one of them. Disease in the first place must be dominated, and let people live, if possible, to the age of 150, not as very old, but as normal men. Science must enlarge the human understanding, and the Press could help scientists in that immensely.

Young Lady (on first visit to Western ranch): "For what purpose do you use that coil of line on your saddle?"  
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### "SHEER MARTYRDOM."

ECHO OF DENNISTOUN CASE.

INDIGNATION OF LADY COWAN.

LONDON, March 28.

Lady Cowan, writing to the Press, protests against the references to her dead husband in the Dennistoun case, and expresses



The late Gen. Sir John Cowan.

gratitude to Lord Birkenhead for his letter.

She states that, as soon as she saw the newspaper reports she rushed to London and consulted her lawyers, all of whom stated that no one could hold a brief for the dead. "For me to read the case day after day was as though I was being suffocated, and yet could not put out a hand. It has been sheer martyrdom."

A cable in the "Statesman" dated March 24 stated:— Considering that the reputation of Sir John Cowan has been besmirched by the evidence given in the Dennistoun case, Lord Birkenhead, in a letter written to The Times, declares that those knowing Sir John Cowan best simply could not believe that he acted in the way alleged. Sir



Lord Birkenhead.

John Cowan's interests were absolutely ignored in the case, none of the parties caring a brass farthing about his reputation. The conversations, depending on the evidence of a single deeply interested witness, cannot be accepted. "Our duty is to watch the interests and safeguard the reputation of a soldier who greatly loved and greatly served his country."

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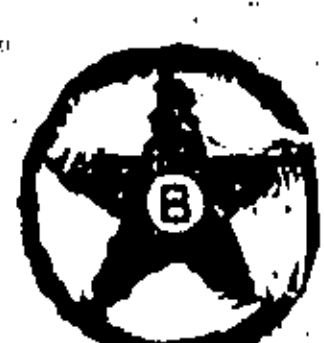
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LORD FRENCH, EARL OF YPRES

The Earl of Ypres, who was the first commander of the British Expeditionary Forces in France during the World War, is recovering from his illness.



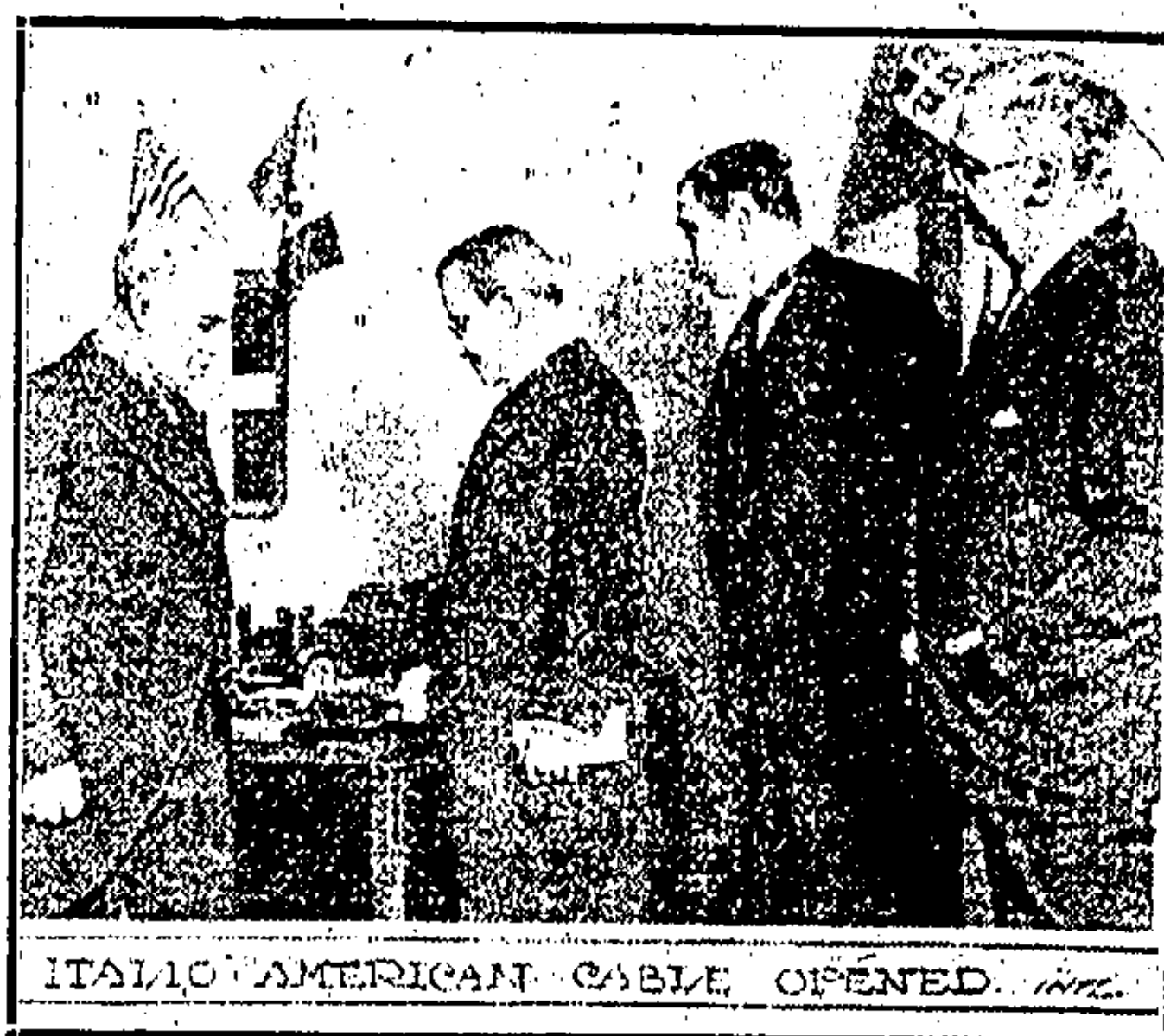
MRS. & MRS. FRED C. GIENKE & (Below) PROSECUTOR JOSEPH A. SEYMOUR

Mrs. Martha Wise, forty-three, has confessed to Prosecutor Joseph Seymour (left), that she put arsenic in a water bucket in her home, resulting in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Gienke, Mrs. Wise's uncle and aunt (shown above), and Mrs. Sophie Hasek, her mother, and the serious illness of several others of the family.



DR. HERMAN VELARDE

Dr. Herman Velarde, Peruvian envoy to the United States, has denied reports that he will quit Washington, following the attacks on the American Embassy at Lima, Peru.



ITALIO-AMERICAN CABLE OPENED

The first direct cable communication between the United States and Italy, operated by the Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company, has been opened. Baron Guglielmo de Marzio, the Italian Ambassador to the United States, is pictured throwing the switch in the New York office of the cable company, which opened the cable, after which a message from President Coolidge was sent to the Italian Government. From left to right are J. C. Williver, vice-president of the cable company; Baron de Marzio; Italian Consul-General Emilio Axerio, and L. Perini, director of the Italian Cable Company.



MARQUIS DE URGIO

The Marquis de Urgijo, son of Spain's wealthiest banker, has taken a position as office boy to learn book-binding methods from the bottom of the ladder.



Below: PEARL WHITE & HARRY PAYNE WHITNEY.  
Below: SEN. FRANK D. WILKES & GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM.

According to Paris cablegrams, the engagement of Pearl White, slip star, to the Duke de Vallobrosa, appears to be at an end. Harry Payne Whitney, multi-millionaire, was knocked unconscious when his polo pony tripped and, after falling, rolled on the rider. Senator Frank Willis, has begun a tour of speech making that will take him into many Western States and which is generally accepted by his friends as the inauguration of his campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1928. George W. Wickersham, one of the representatives to the League of Nations Commission on the codification of International laws, has sailed for Geneva, Switzerland, to attend a session of the Commission.

## World's Record Sailfish.



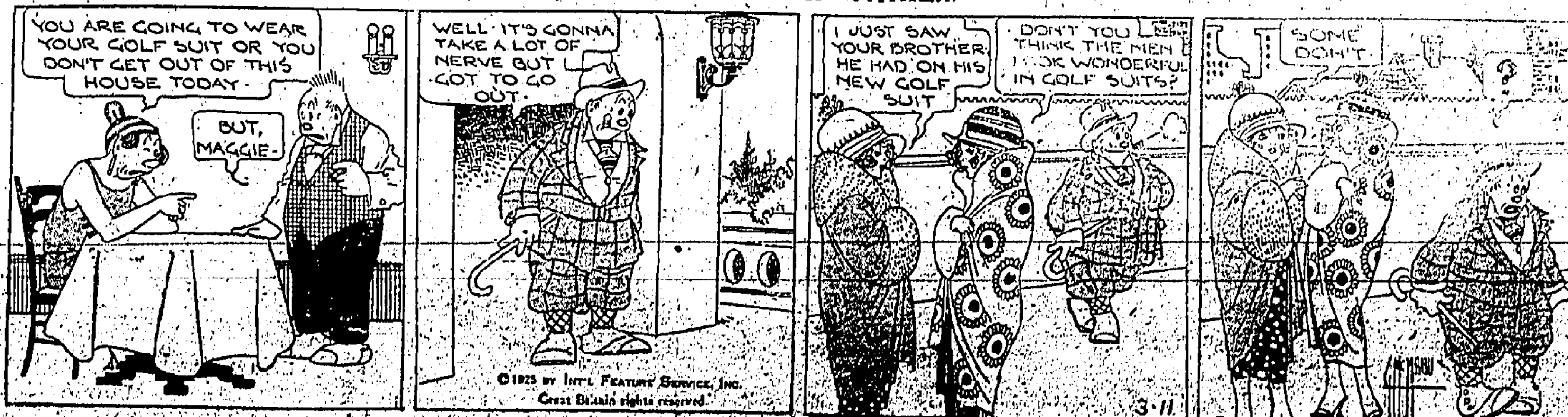
The world's record for sailfish was more than broken, it was doubled by this monster, just caught. It weighs 95 pounds, while the biggest sailfish previously on record, caught in 1922, weighed 46 pounds.



Below: WILLIAM D. SHEPHERD & KING GEORGE.  
Below: MRS. ADA MORACCHINI & CHANCELLOR MARX

It is reported from Chicago that the defence of William D. Shepherd, charged with causing the death of his millionaire ward, William Nelson McClintock, by inoculating him with typhoid germs, will be that Chicago at that time was suffering from an epidemic of typhoid caused by oysters. King George is recovering from his illness on board his yacht. Mrs. Ada Moracchini, whose husband, sued for divorce, naming Leon Rothler, noted grand opera singer, as co-respondent, has been vindicated by a jury. Former German Chancellor Marx has declined the Prussian Chancellorship because he could not command a majority of the Diet.

## BRINGING UP FATHER.





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**KAISHA.****MAKING BOXING LEGAL.****HOME SECRETARY  
SUGGESTS AN INQUIRY.**Commander Kenworthy, who  
headed a deputation which waited  
upon the Home Secretary to urge  
the legalisation of boxing, informed  
Sir William Joynson-Hicks  
that the proposal was that some  
authoritative body like the British  
Boxing Board of Control should  
make rules to be approved by the  
Home Secretary and that boxing  
competitions under those rules  
should be legal.The Home Secretary said he  
was personally favourable to  
boxing. There were, however,  
difficulties, and he pointed out that  
about five people were killed a  
year through boxing.Lord Lansdale, the president of  
the British Boxing Board of  
Control, was, he said, against the  
proposed alterations. He thought,  
however, that the deputation had  
better introduce their Bill and he  
would not have it blocked. A  
Select Committee to inquire into  
all the facts could then be asked  
for, with a view to getting an  
agreed Bill next session.Commander Kenworthy stated  
afterwards that he will discuss the  
matter again with the Home  
Secretary and ask for Home Office  
officials to look into the Bill and  
see if they can agree on a measure  
to be introduced into the House.**AMATEUR BILLIARDS.****EIGHT TIMES CHAMPION.**Mr. Sydney Fry, one of the  
notable veterans of sport, has ex-  
tended his record in the Amateur  
Billiards Championship. His re-  
cent success is the eighth time he  
has succeeded in the event. Re-  
markable enough, indeed, is that  
fact, but even more remarkable is  
the span of time covered by his  
championships, for he won his first  
as far back as 1893.Fry is now fifty-six, and who  
knows that his great record is safe  
even from himself. He is not a  
one-pastime man. In golf he has  
also made a considerable reputa-  
tion, though he has never succeed-  
ed in winning its Championship. But  
he did come exceedingly near it,  
for in 1902 he was narrowly  
beaten in the final by Charles  
Hutchings. The interesting point  
about that match was that both  
players were good cueists, Fry, of  
course, the better, and there has all  
along been a belief on the part of  
golfers that it was the sensitive  
touch they had developed in the  
cue game that enabled them to play  
so well with the lively rubber-core  
ball, which was introduced in  
Britain in that year.Out of billiards for a consider-  
able period, Fry took up the tale  
of his success again in 1915, and  
he won the title three successive  
times, also from 1919 inclusive. W.  
B. Marshall, Wood Hall, was the  
defeated finalist on the occasion  
recently completed, and though he  
did not beat the veteran, he lived  
up to reputation as the next best,  
beating Graham Symes, for in-  
stance, in the semi-final, and as  
the amateur who approximates pro-  
bably more than any other to pro-  
fessional touch. Fry won by 222  
points in the 3000. Marshall had  
the distinction of the highest num-  
ber of century breaks in the course  
of the contest—eight; Fry, the  
biggest break, viz., 178.Reforms are wanted before next  
Championship. There should be a  
better allocation of district places,  
if the present system is continued,  
and the composition balls should  
be stipulated.**INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY.**England beat Wales at hockey  
by ten goals to four, and the score  
does not properly indicate the dis-  
parity between the two sides. The  
combination of the English for-  
wards was a feature of the play,  
while the English half backs were  
great. England adopted short-  
passing tactics and were very  
accurate, whereas the Welsh players  
hit the ball so far that it often went  
to the English backs. The only  
satisfaction for the Welshmen was  
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Maj. L. A. Beard, captain of the  
Army team; Capt. P. P. Rodes,  
Capt. C. H. Gerhardt, Lieut.  
Eugene McGinley and Lieut. J. A.  
Smith were increased. Major  
Beard's rating went up from 6  
goals to 7, Captain Rodes was  
raised from 5 to 6, Lieutenant  
McGinley's handicap was increased  
from 3 to 5 and Captain Gerhardt  
and Lieutenant Smith each re-  
ceived a handicap of 4 goals, hav-  
ing been rated at 3 before.The players' work during the  
winter campaign on the polo fields  
of Florida led to the promotions,  
said an announcement by the  
polo association's handicap com-  
mittee. Following the matches  
at Miami Beach, where the team  
completed its training recently  
the polo officials and players  
of Florida recommended that the  
army players named should be  
raised in the handicap list, and the  
committee immediately acted upon  
the recommendations submitted.The handicap of seven goals  
received by Major Beard places  
him among the leading 13 players  
in the United States. Only 10  
men have a higher handicap and  
only two others are placed at the  
same mark. Those with higher  
ratings are Devereux Milburn,  
Thomas Hitchcock Jr., J. W. Webb  
and Malcolm Stevenson, all mem-  
bers of the "Big Four" which  
successfully defended the Interna-  
tional Challenge Cup against Great  
Britain last year and each rated at  
10 goals. R. E. Strawbridge Jr.,  
Eric Pedley and E. W. Hopping,  
substitutes on last year's interna-  
tional team; L. E. Stoddard,  
former international and chair-  
man of the United States Polo  
Association, Harry East and Arthur  
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